

5 Worlds

THE EMERALD GATE



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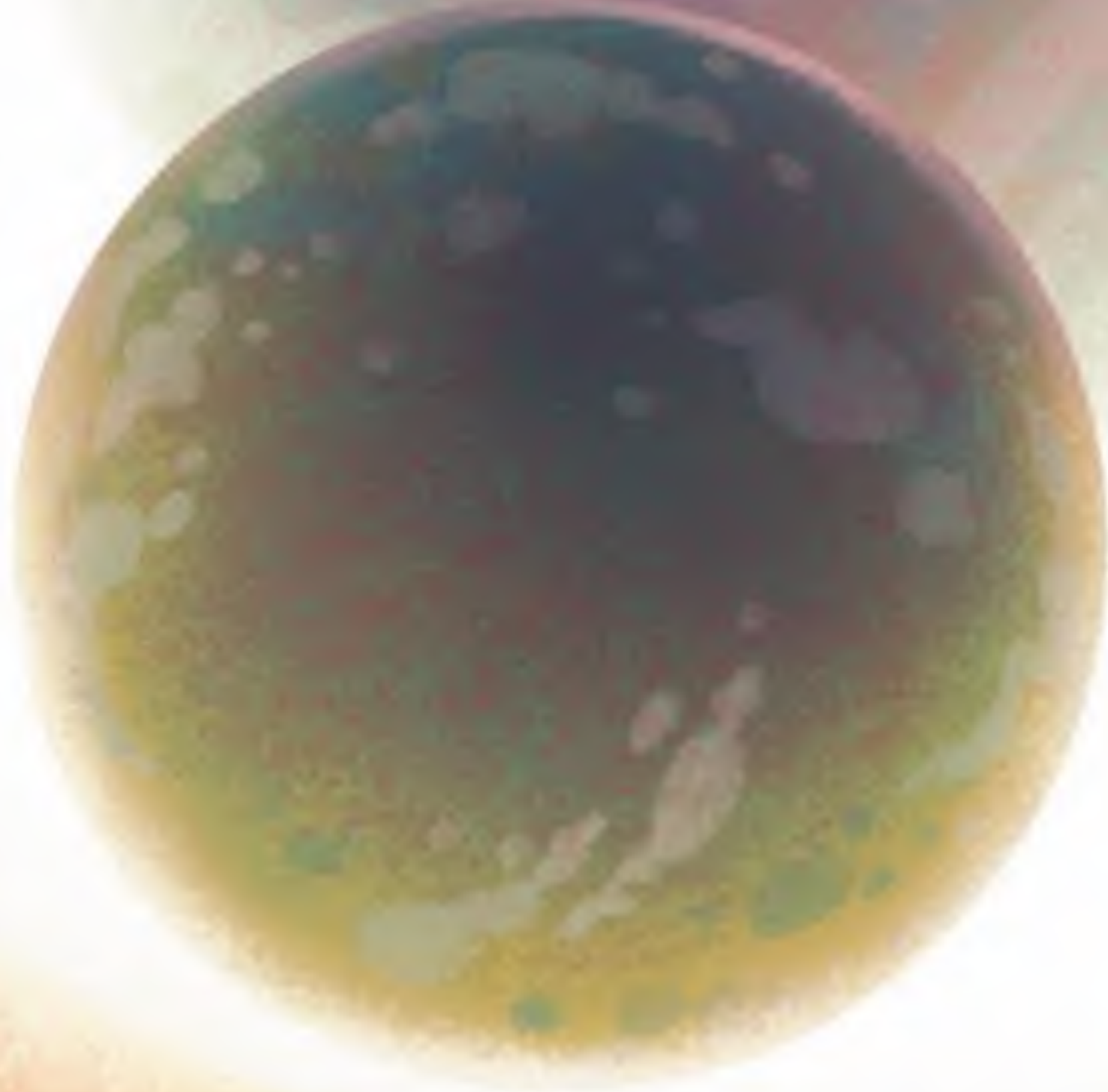
Xanthe Bouma

Matt Rockefeller

Boya Sun

GRIMBO (E)

"Moss Ocean"



Capital: VERDIGRIS

Seat of government: Verdigris (Council of Islanders)

Beacon: Green (Location Unknown)

Grimbo (E), the green moon, is a vast ocean world, with its waters entirely blanketed by an impenetrable layer of predatory moss. Previous attempts to exploit Grimbo (E)'s resources all ended in failure. The only life-form that seems unaffected by the moss is the native population of plant people known as the **BEANU**. They have mostly kept apart from the settlers from the other four worlds, who live on the small, rugged islands dotting Grimbo (E)'s surface. Still untamed and wild, Grimbo (E) is considered the most mysterious of the Five Worlds.

MON DOMANI
"Mother World"



MOON YATTA
"The Superpower"



SALASSANDRA
"Mythic's Moon"

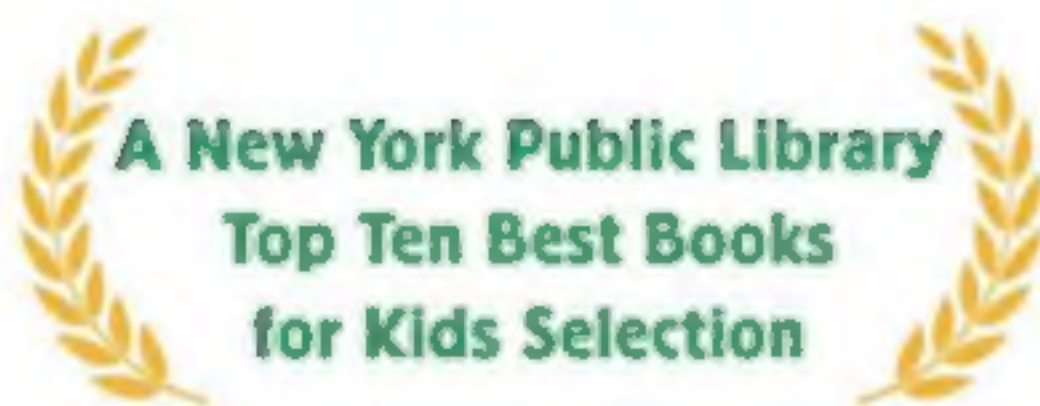


TOKI
"The Cebalt Kingdom"





The Praise for **5 Worlds**
Is Out of This World!





"Cinematic beauty."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

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—Jeff Smith, creator of the *New York Times* bestselling Bone series

"For kids who love fantasy and other-world adventures, and for any fans of graphic novels, this book is a must-read."

—R. J. Palacio, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wonder*

"This stellar team has created a gorgeous and entrancing world like no other!"

—Noelle Stevenson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Nimona*

"Epic action, adventure, and mystery will draw you in, but the heartfelt characters and their seemingly impossible journey will keep you turning the pages."

—Lisa Yee, author of the DC Super Hero Girls™ series

★ "Gorgeous artwork, and riveting plot."

—*Booklist*, Starred Review

★ "A dazzling interplanetary fantasy."

—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred Review

"Give to fans of Judd Winick's Hilo or Kazu Kibuishi's Amulet series."

—*School Library Journal*

"Ends triumphantly and tantalizingly."

—*The Horn Book*

"Distinctly unique. . . . It oozes with imagination and creativity."

—*Bam! Smack! Pow!*



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BOOK 5

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BOUMA




Boya
SUN



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OONA LEE, the young
Sand Dancer from
Mon Domani



AN TZU, the young
half-sap from the
slums of Sao Sablo



JAX AMBOY,
the superstar
Starball player,
secretly an android

STAN MOON, head of
Stan Moon Industries



THE STORY SO FAR...



To save the **FIVE WORLDS** from dying out, **OONA** and her friends must light all five ancient beacons: white, red, blue, yellow, and green.



For centuries, the **Living Fire** that lights beacons was the stuff of legend—until three children produced it on the blue world of **Toki**.



The destinies of **OONA**, **AN TZU**, and **JAX** collided in the wreckage of Chrysalis Stadium as war raged on **Mon Domani**.

With help from her friends, clumsy **OONA** summoned a **Sand Warrior** and lit the **White Beacon** of **Mon Domani**.



On **Toki**, **OONA** fought against an evil prince and discovered the truth of her heritage—that she was born on the blue planet.

The battle against the **Cobalt Prince**, and the evil **MIMIC** controlling him, was won, but at great cost: **OONA's** sister **JESSA** sacrificed herself.



On Salassandra, **JAX** merged with a Salassi spirit known as a **DEVOTI** to become human.

STAN MOON, a tycoon possessed by the evil Mimic, is trying to seize power on all the worlds in order to stop **OONA**.



On Moon Yatta, **OONA** trained with **MASTER ZELLE**, who taught her how to create portals to defeat the Red Maze.

Using a portal, **OONA** lit the **Red Beacon**. Immediately afterward, **VECTOR SANDERSON**, now the new Prince of Toki, lit the **Blue Beacon**.



AN TZU suffers from a mysterious Vanishing Illness that causes his limbs to fade away. He uses prosthetics to help maintain his physical form.

As memories of his past life came back to him, **AN TZU** discovered he is the Felid Prince **NEKO**.



The Yellow Beacon of **Salassandra**, encased in amber, could not be lit unless ten thousand voices sang the unknown Amber Anthem.

Searching for the Anthem, **OONA** and her friends were pursued by **STAN MOON** and his allies. He sent a killer J.A.X. android after them.



STAN MOON cornered **AN TZU** and stabbed him with one of his tentacles, leaving a wound that festers with a Mimic infection.

Thanks to the great singer **Cascadelle**, **OONA** and her friends found the Amber Anthem and sang it with a crowd. **OONA** lit the Yellow Beacon.



With one beacon left to light, **OONA** created a portal to **GRIMBO (E)** and crossed it with her friends.

There, **AN TZU** realized his Mimic infection means disaster if **OONA** lights the Green Beacon! How will he stop her?

"I serve the living universe."
—OONA LEE

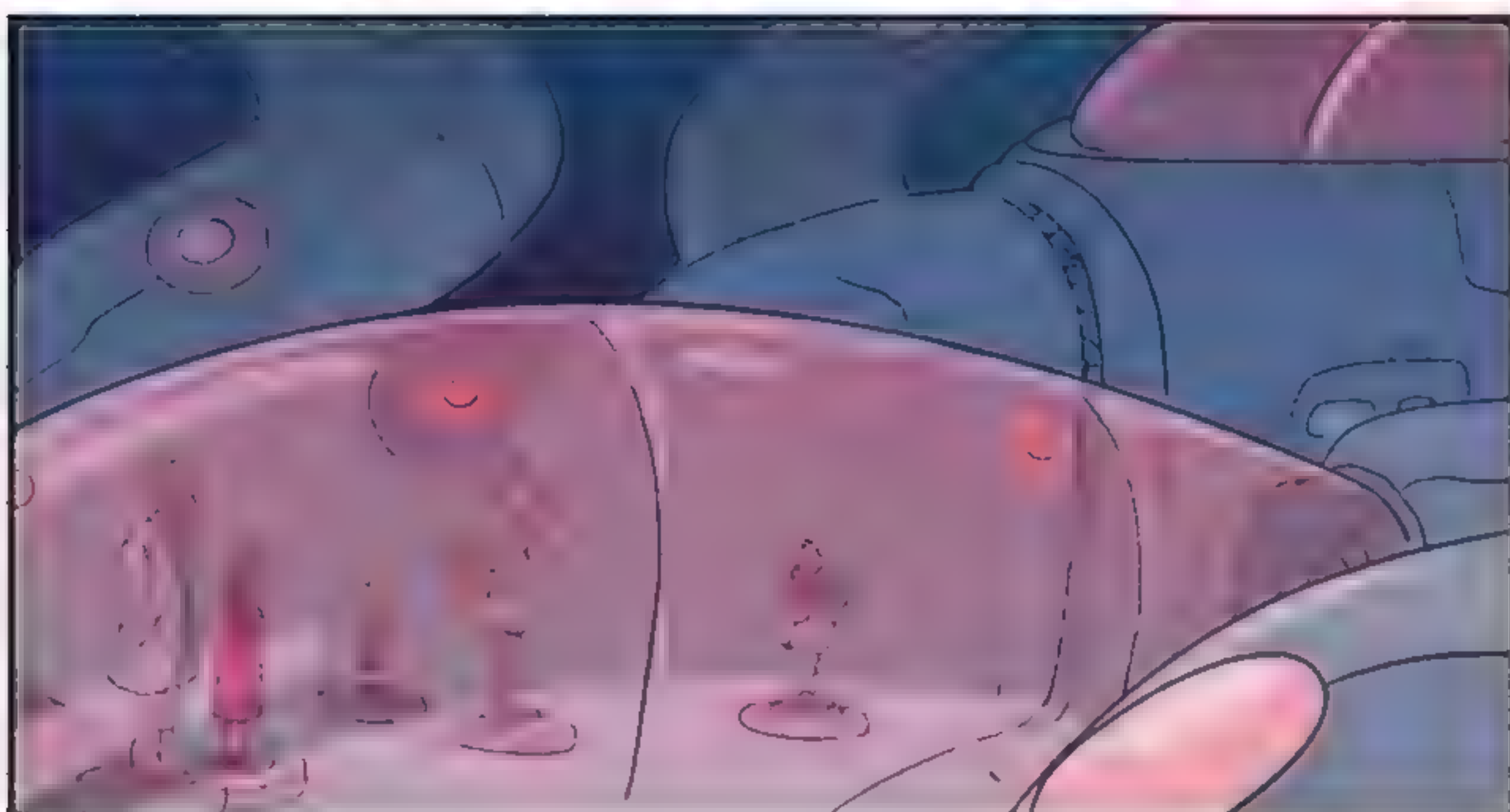
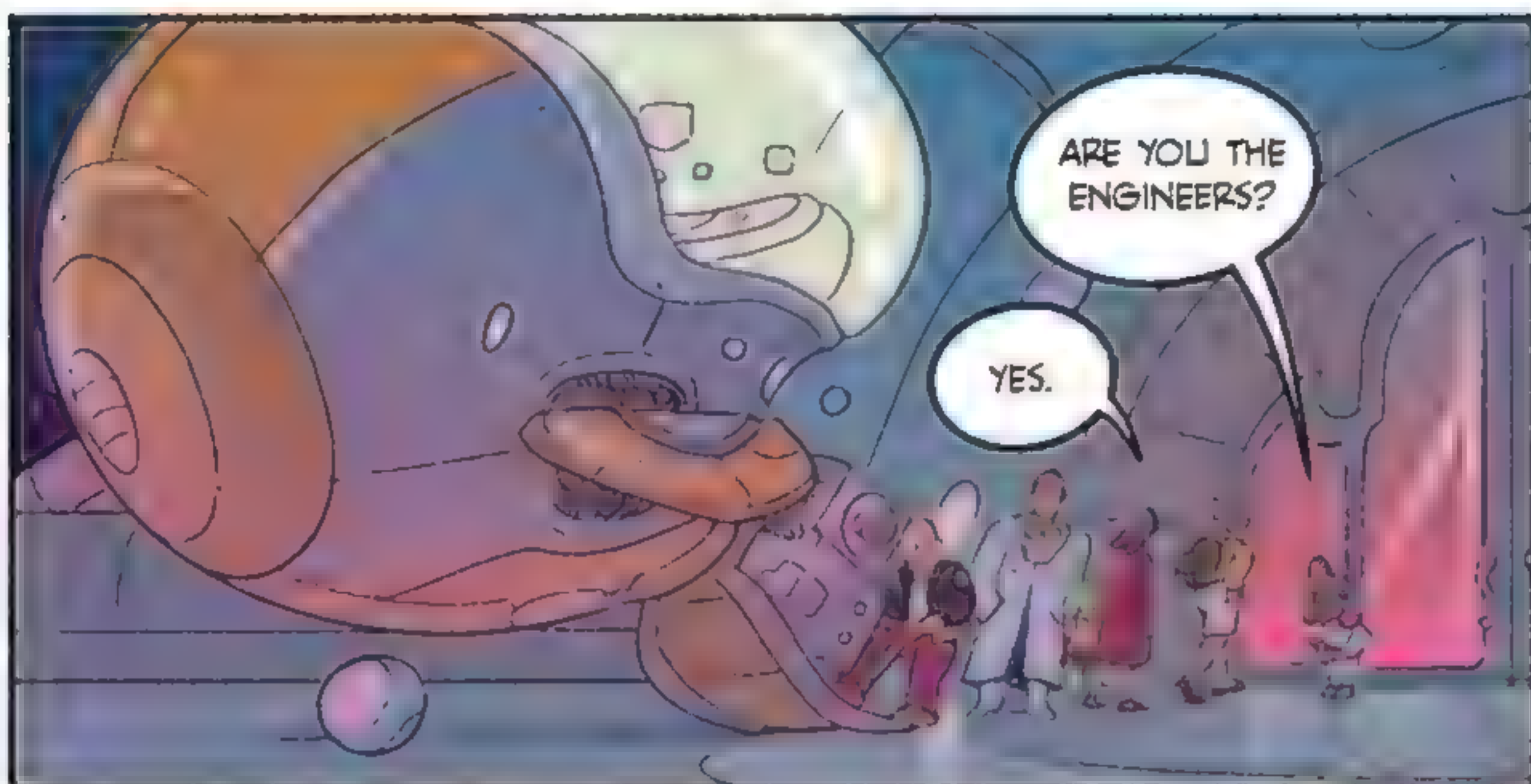
PROLOGUE

MISTER MOON'S NEW PLAN

IN ORBIT AROUND
SALASSANDRA

STAN MOON
HEADQUARTERS



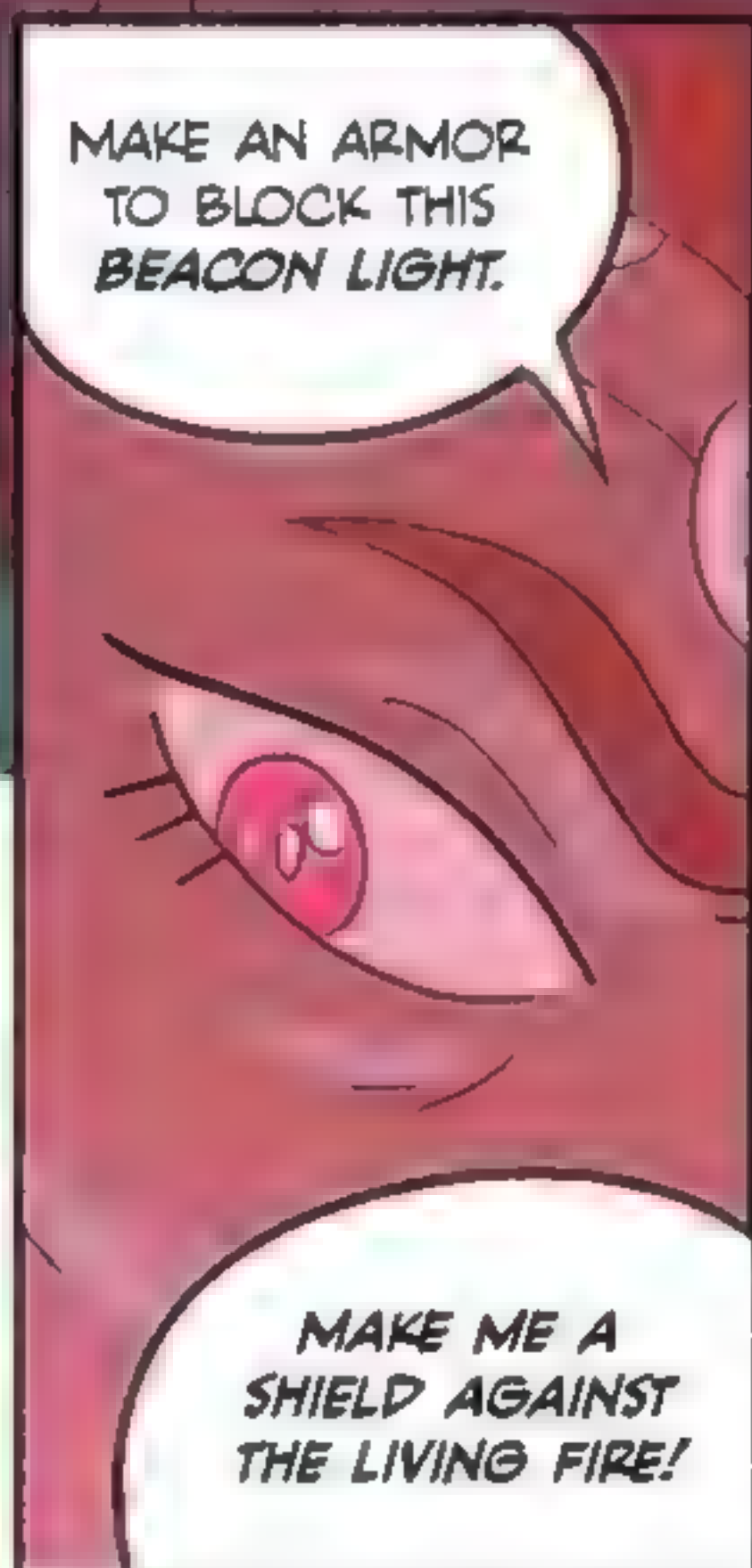




THE BEST SCIENTIFIC
MINDS IN THE FIVE
WORLDS, EH?

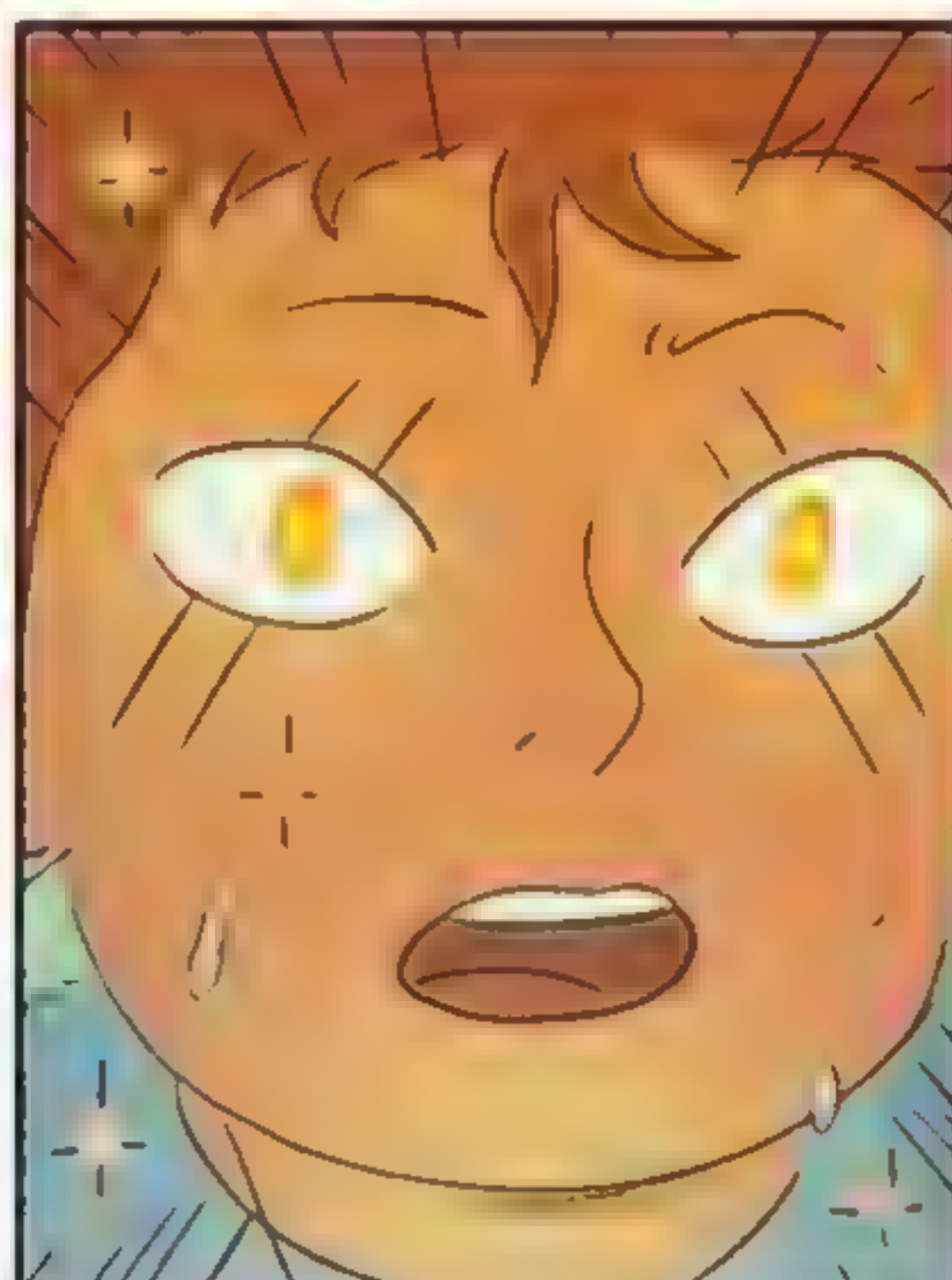
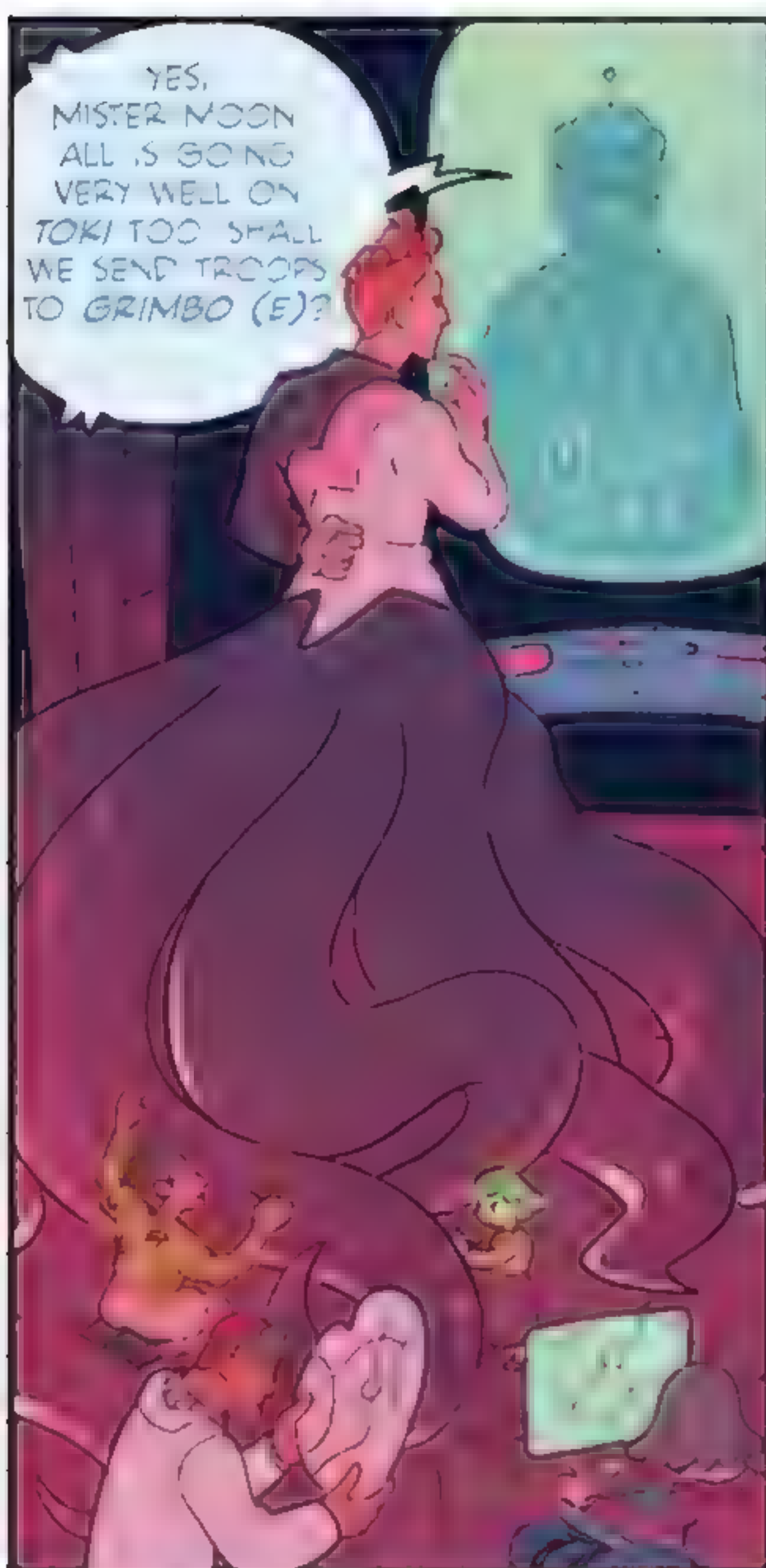


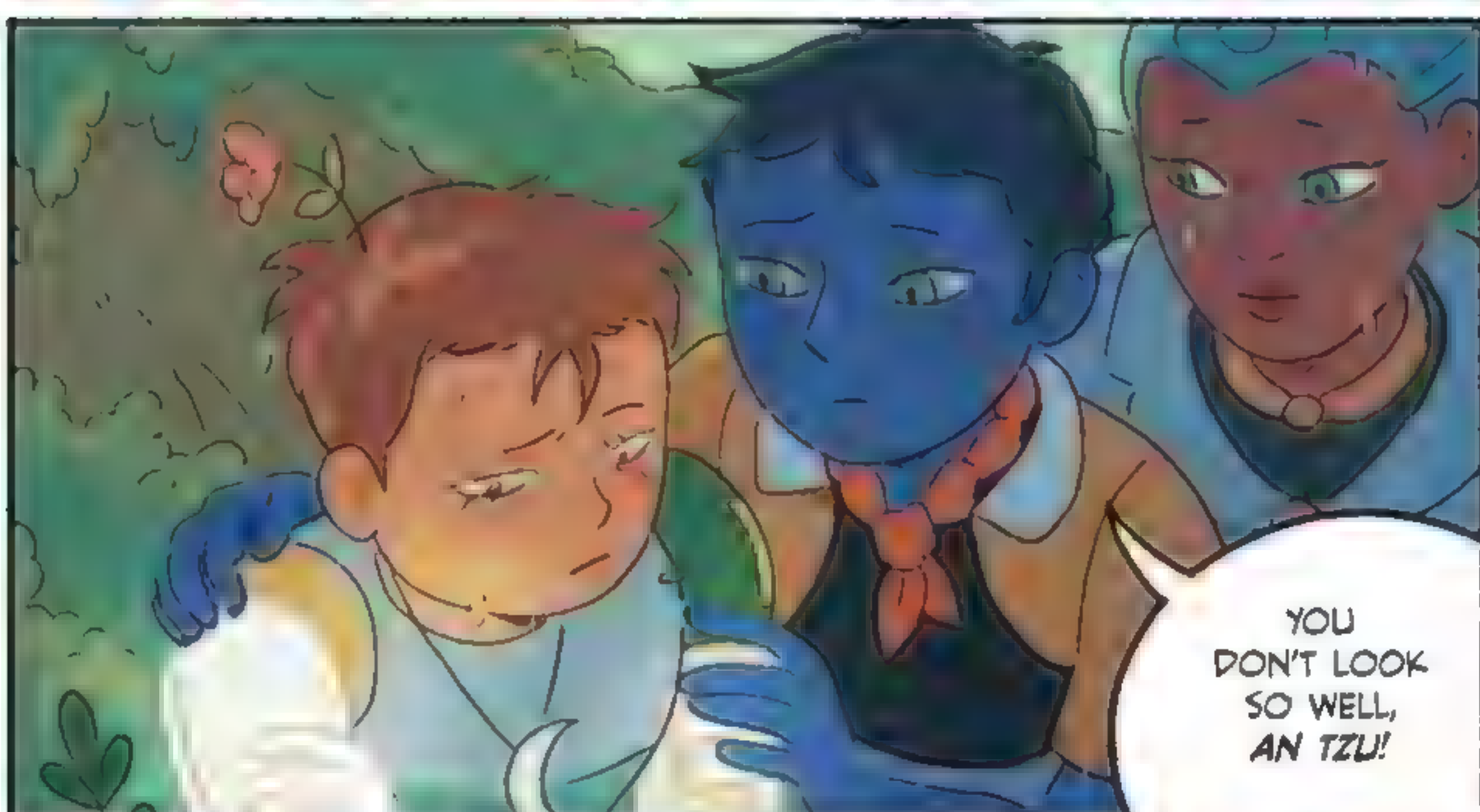
WELL?
GET TO WORK,
YOU LOT.



MAKE AN ARMOR
TO BLOCK THIS
BEACON LIGHT.

MAKE ME A
SHIELD AGAINST
THE LIVING FIRE!







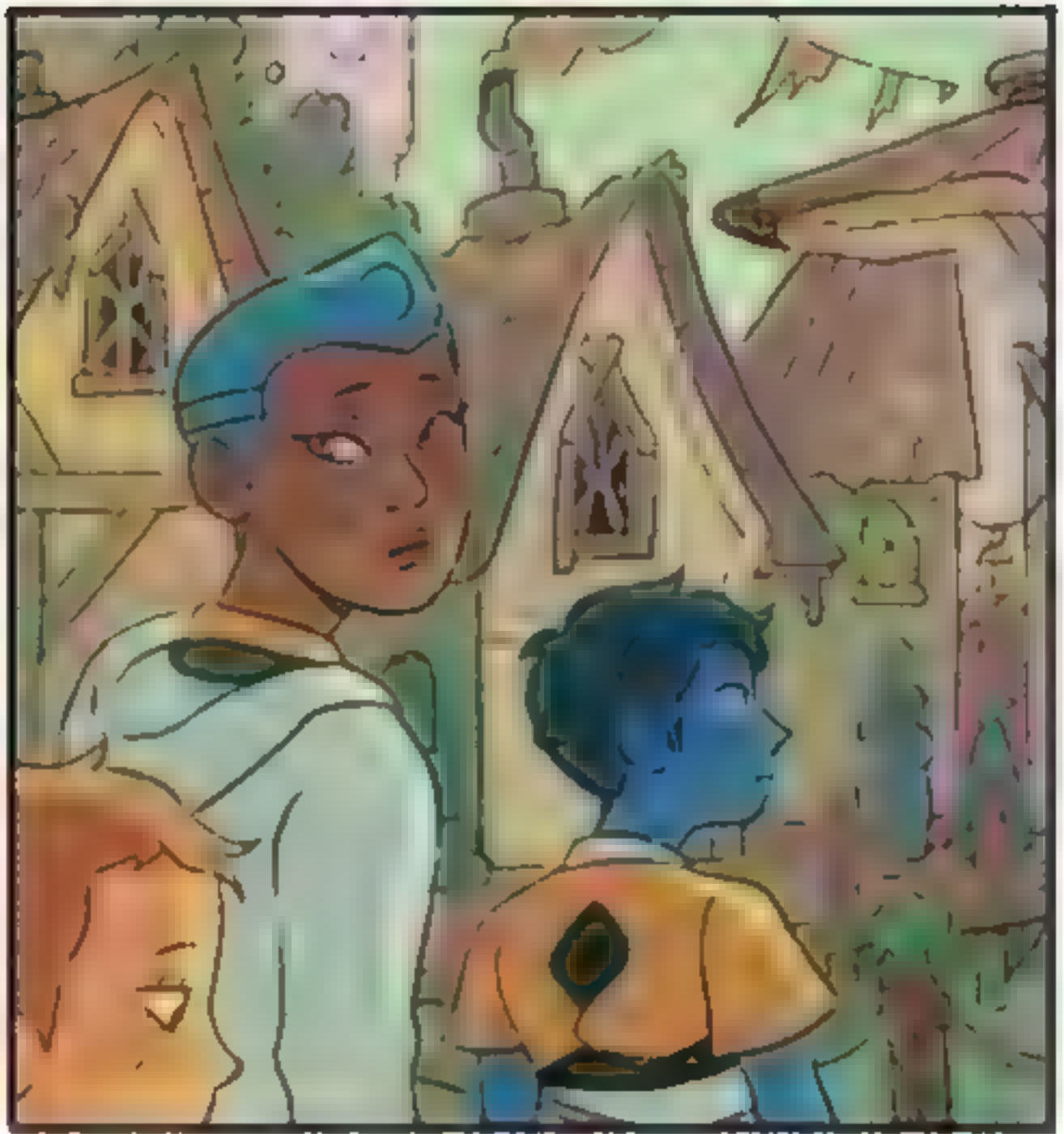
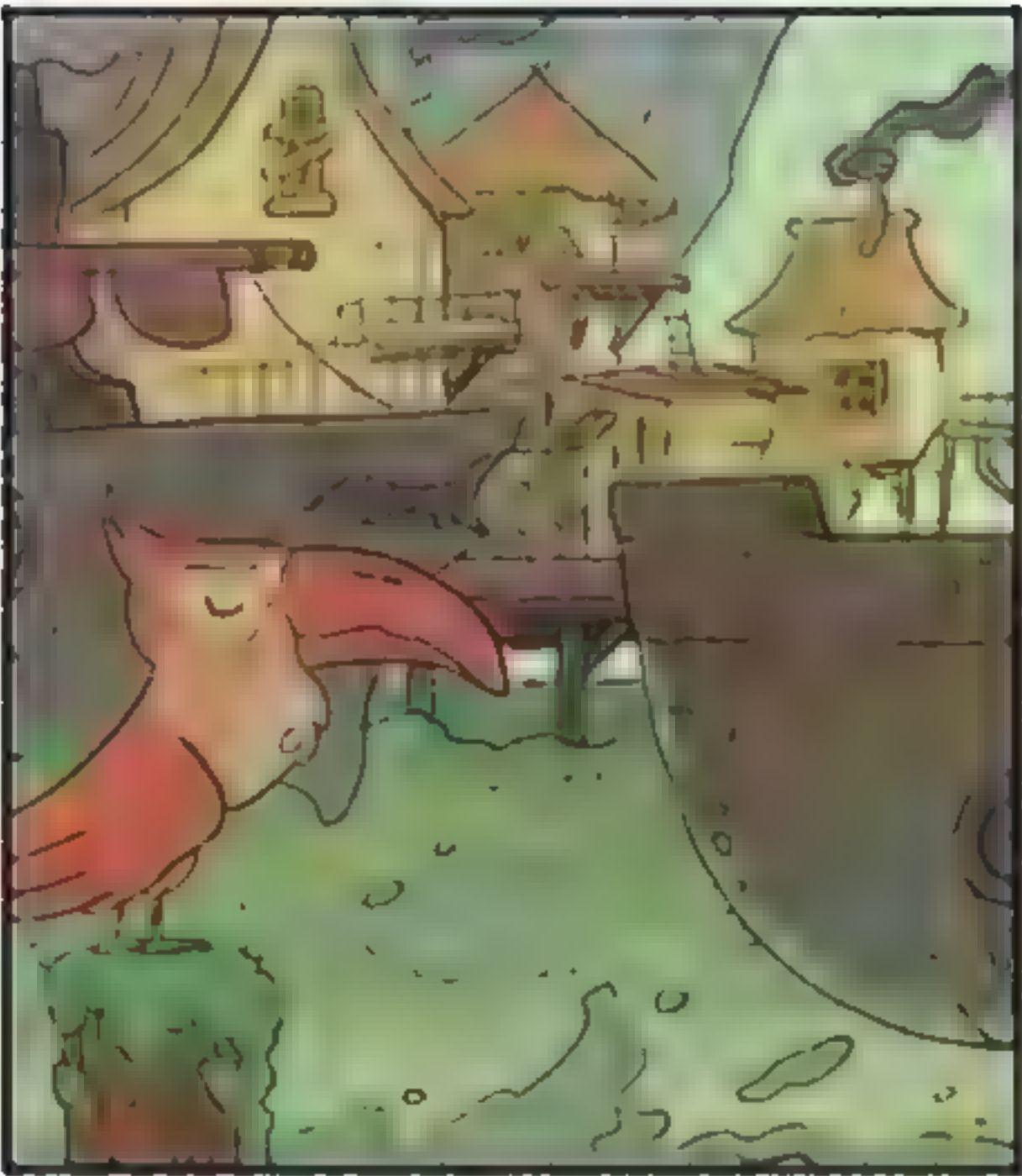
CHAPTER 1

THE MISSING BEACON

GRIMBO (E)

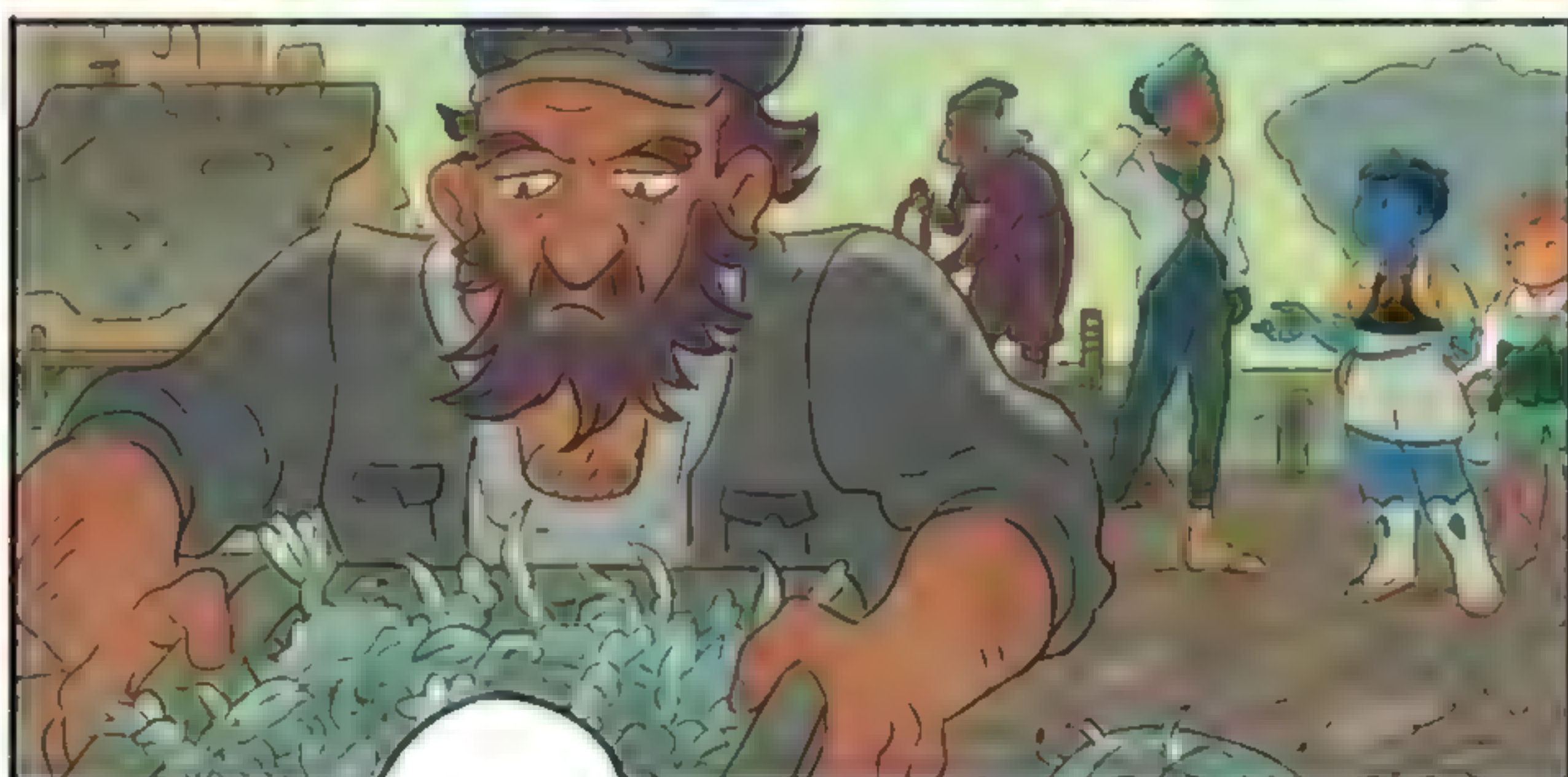
PARSLEY HARBOR







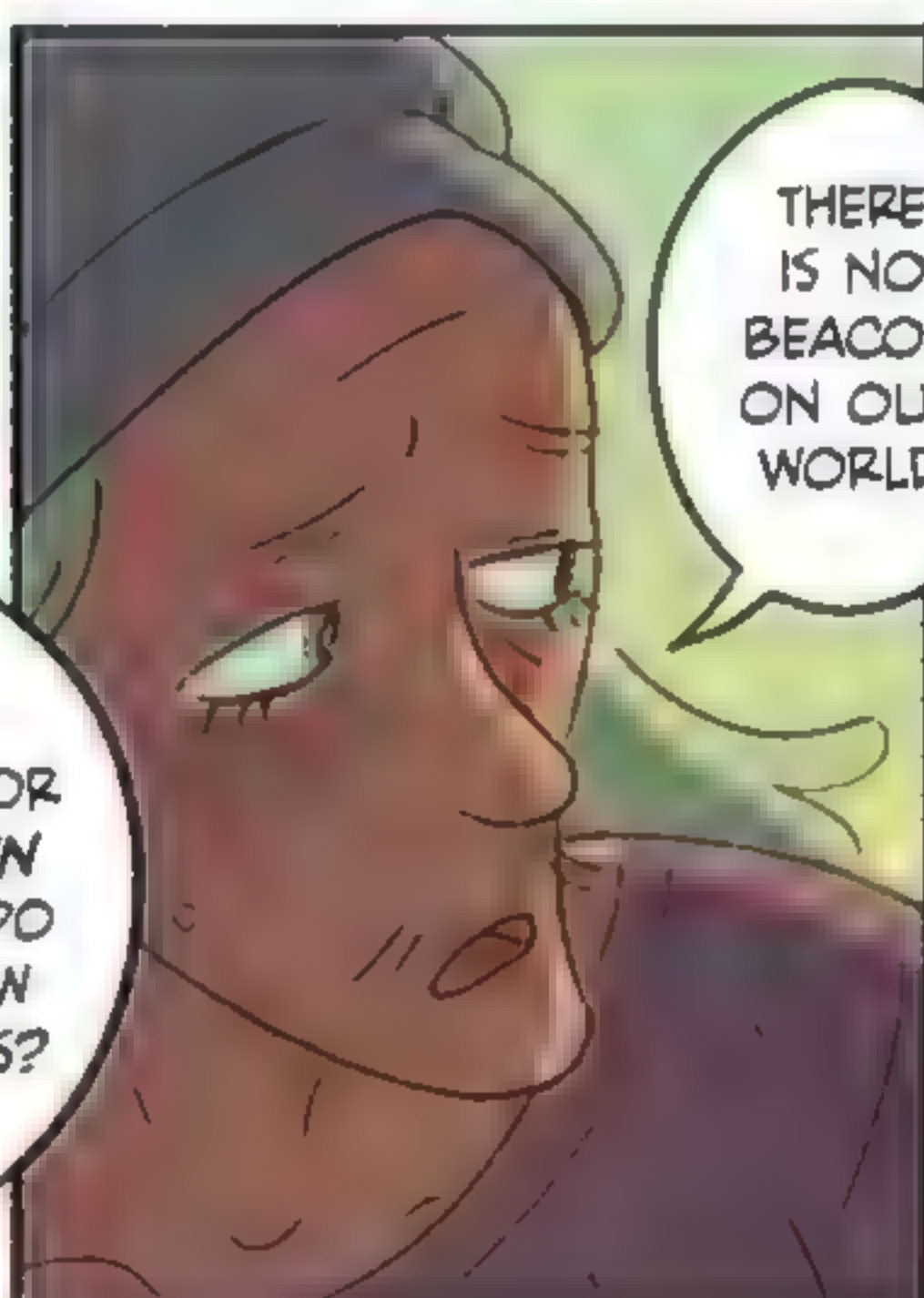
EXCUSE ME, WOULD YOU TELL US WHERE WE CAN FIND THIS WORLD'S *BEACON*?



EXCUSE ME...

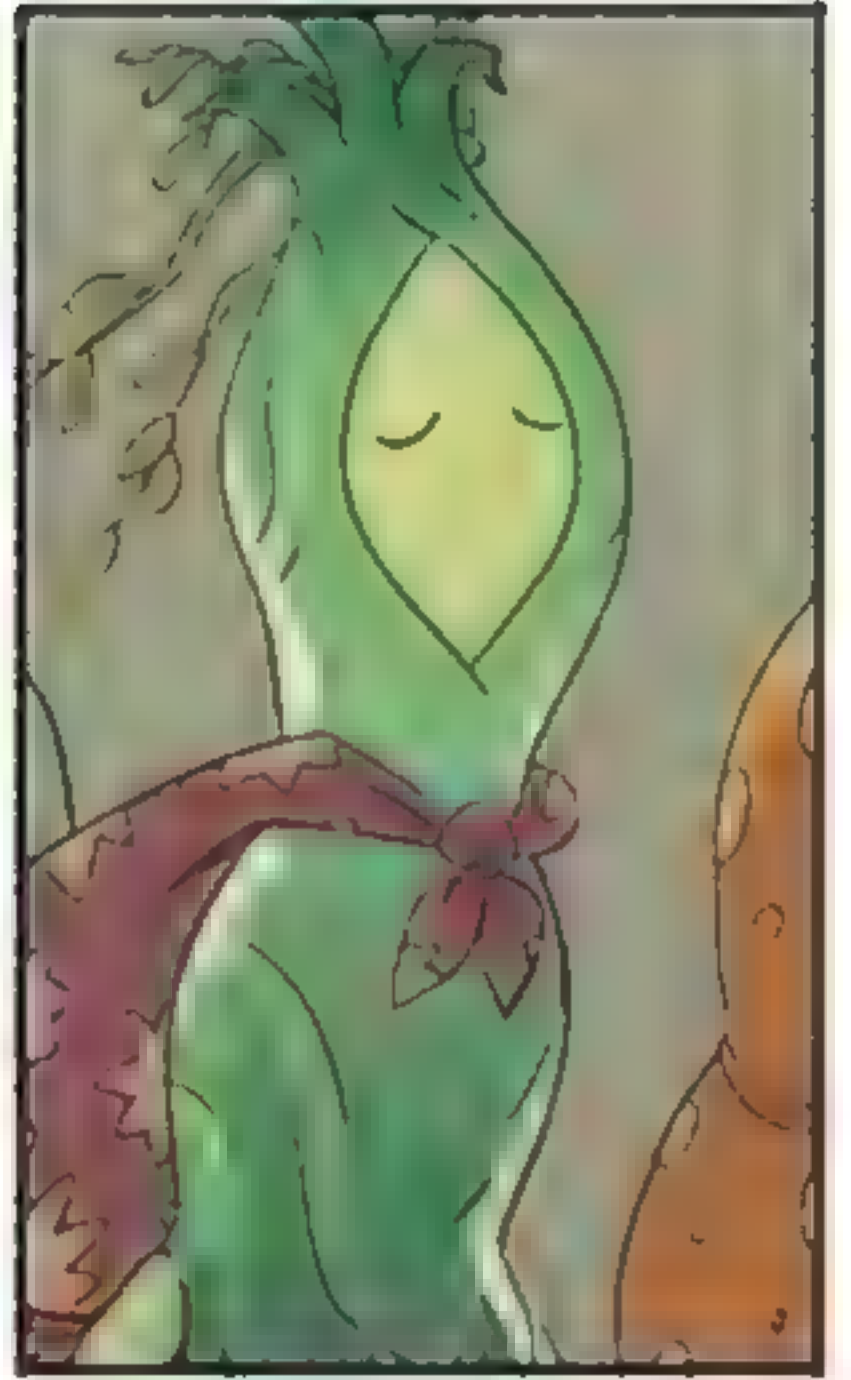


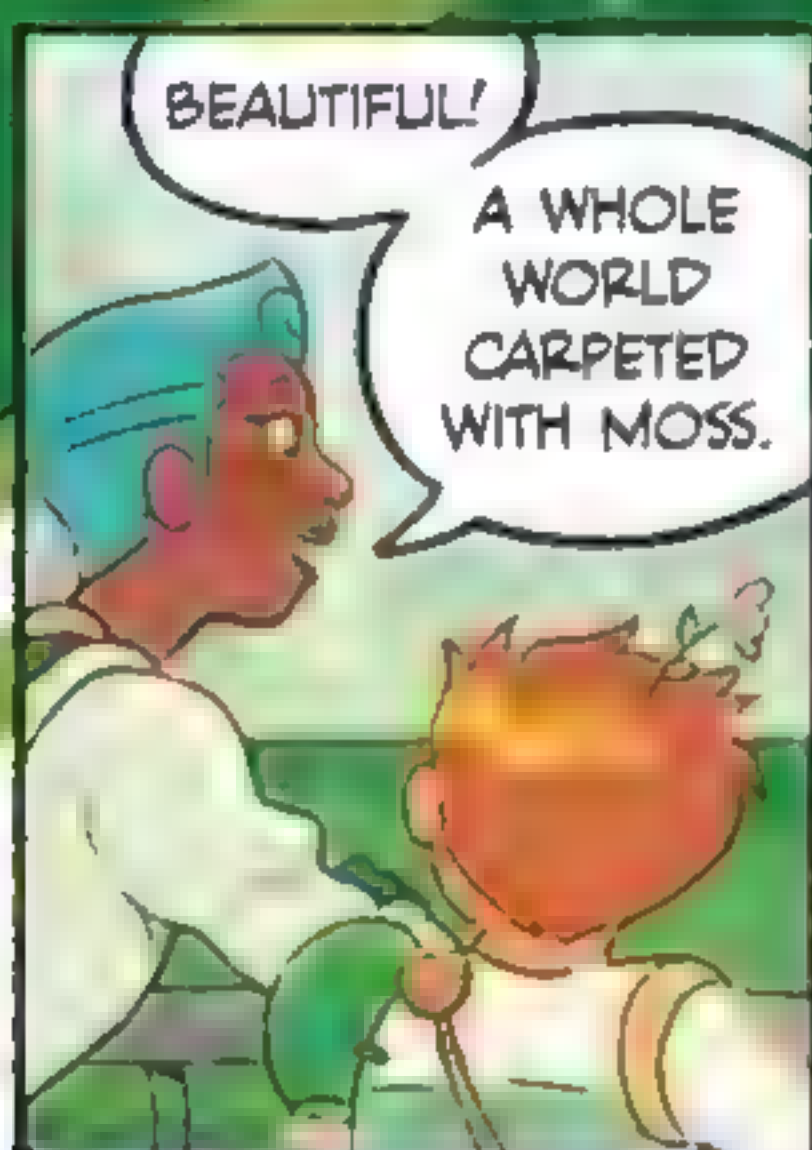
WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE *GREEN BEACON*. DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?



THERE IS NO BEACON ON OUR WORLD.







BEAUTIFUL!

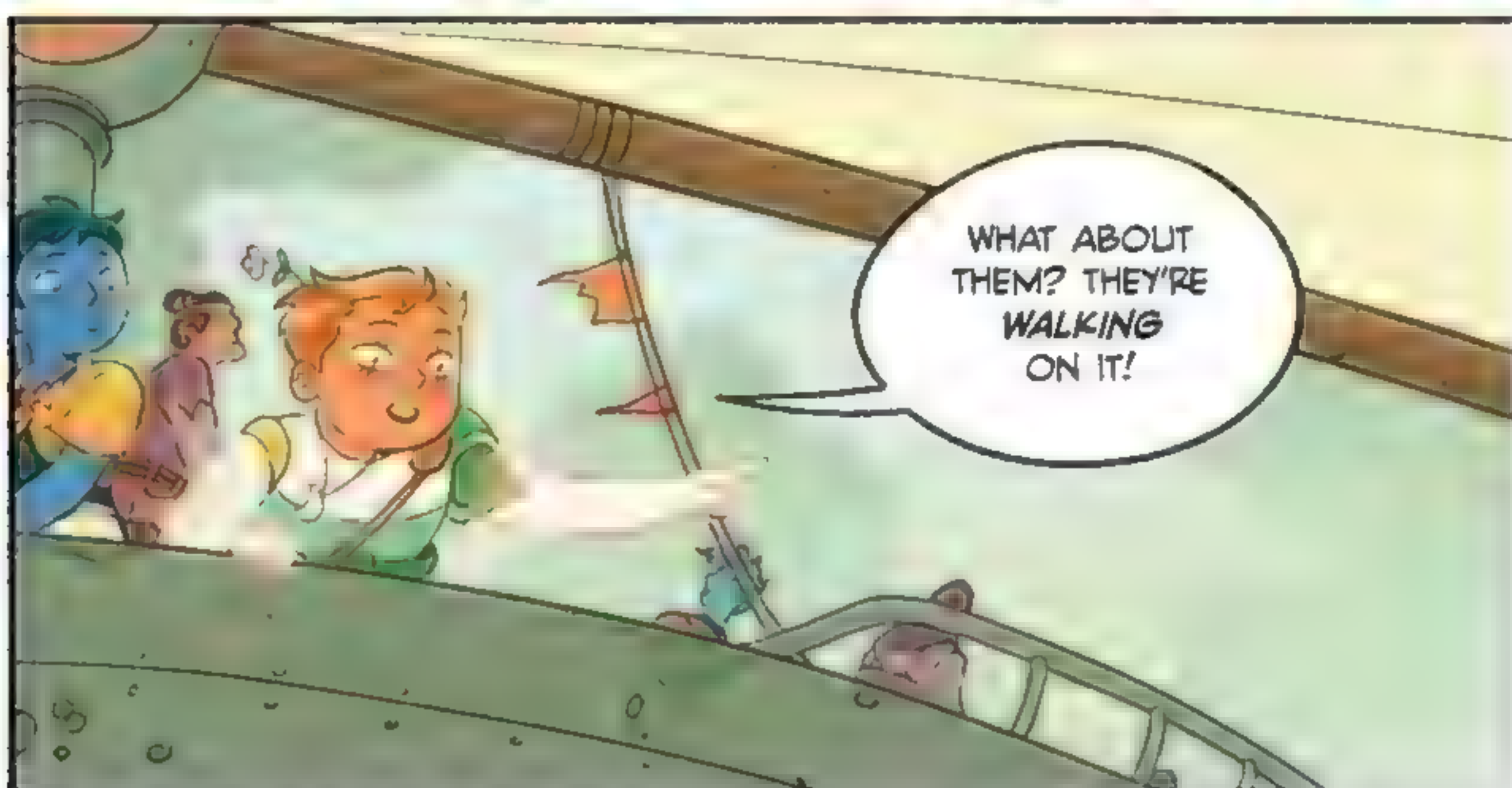
A WHOLE
WORLD
CARPETED
WITH MOSS.



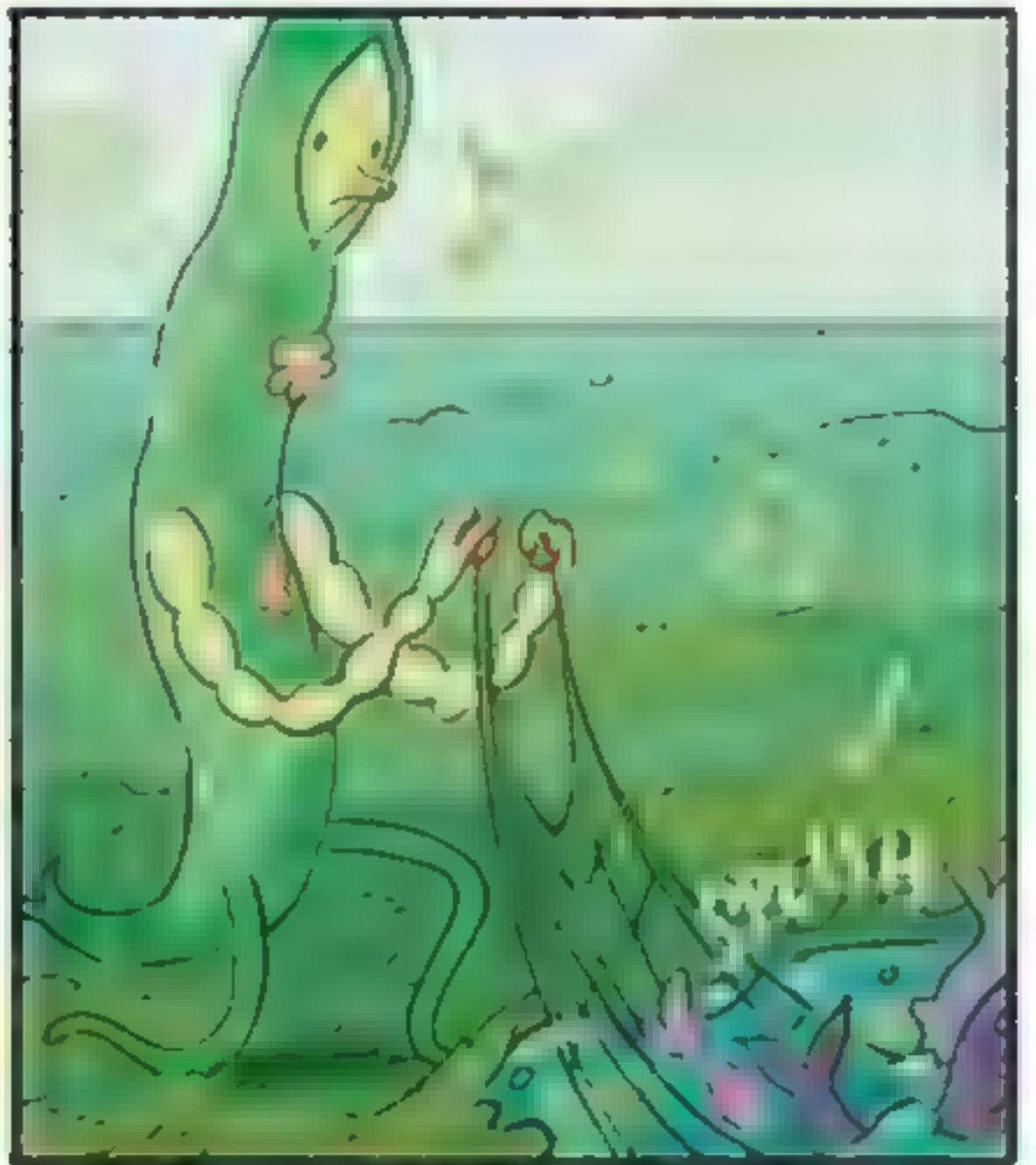
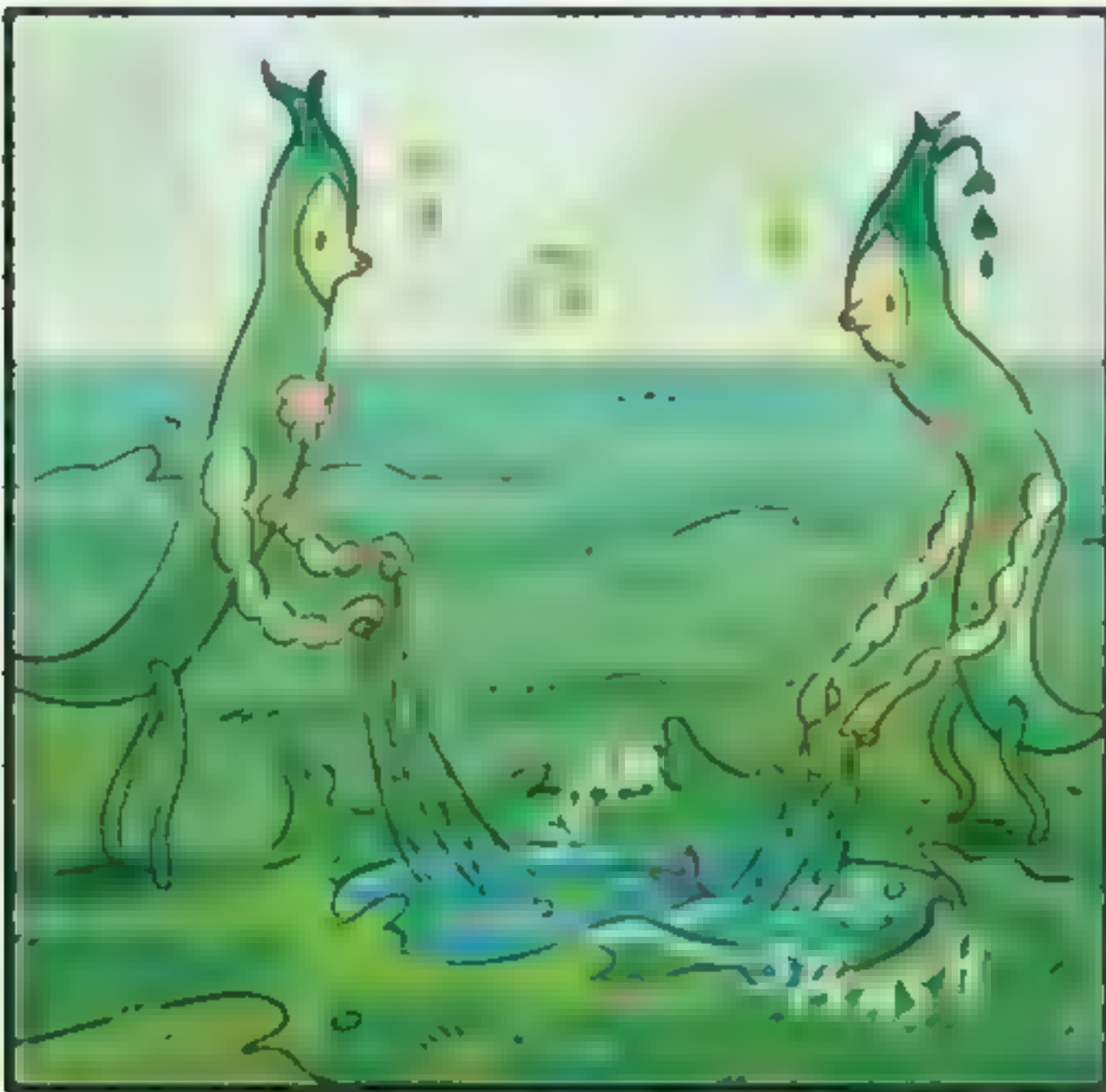
DON'T LET IT FOOL
YOU. THAT MOSS'LL
DEVOUR ANYTHING
THAT SO MUCH AS
FALLS ON IT!

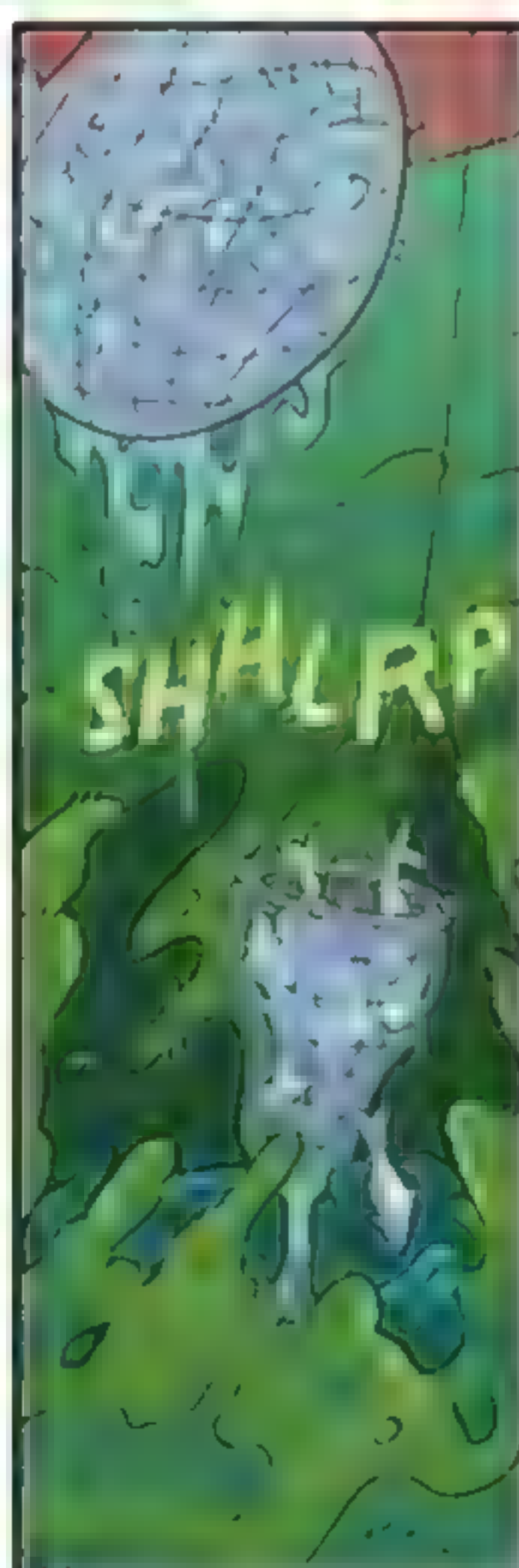
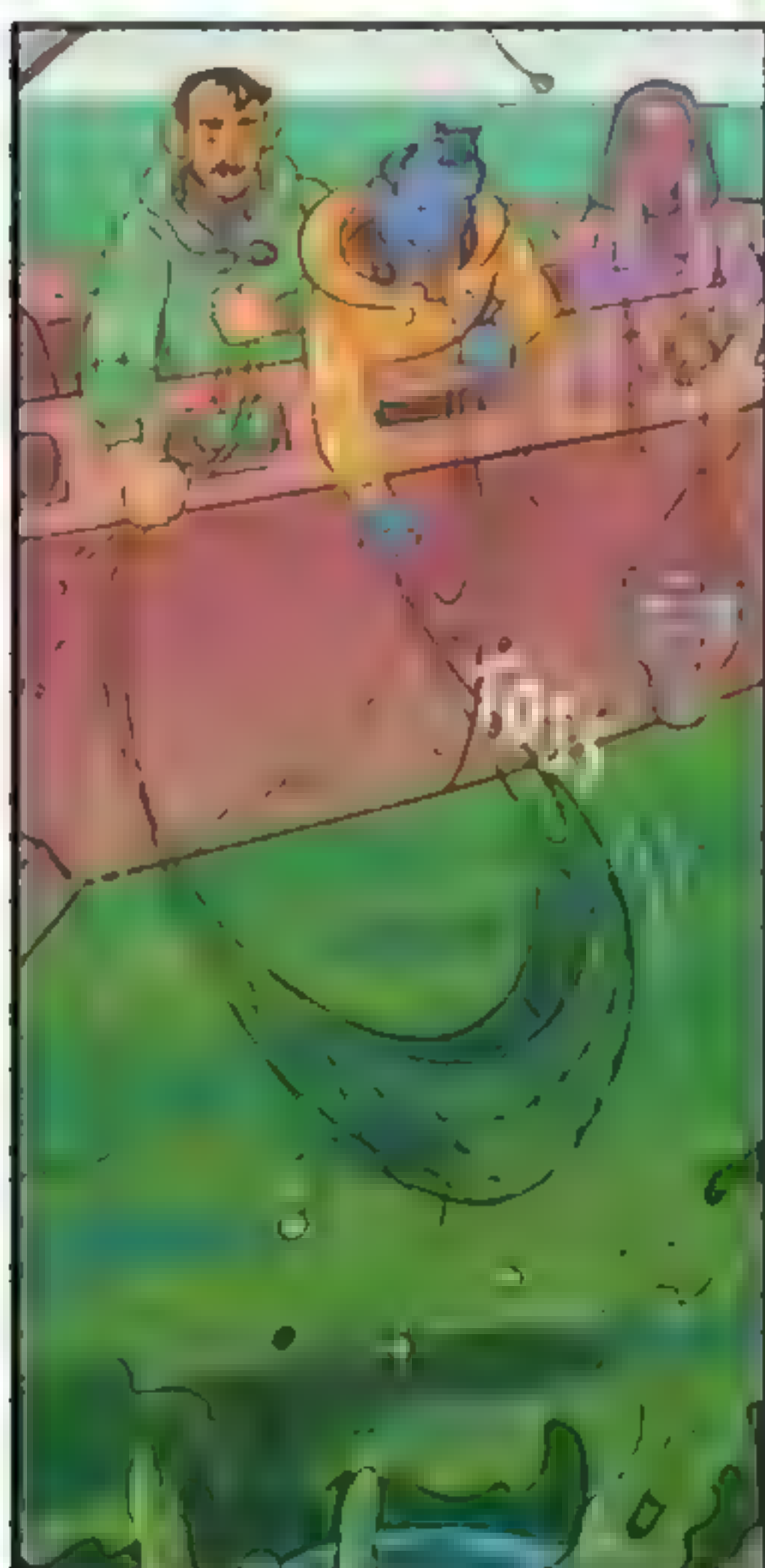
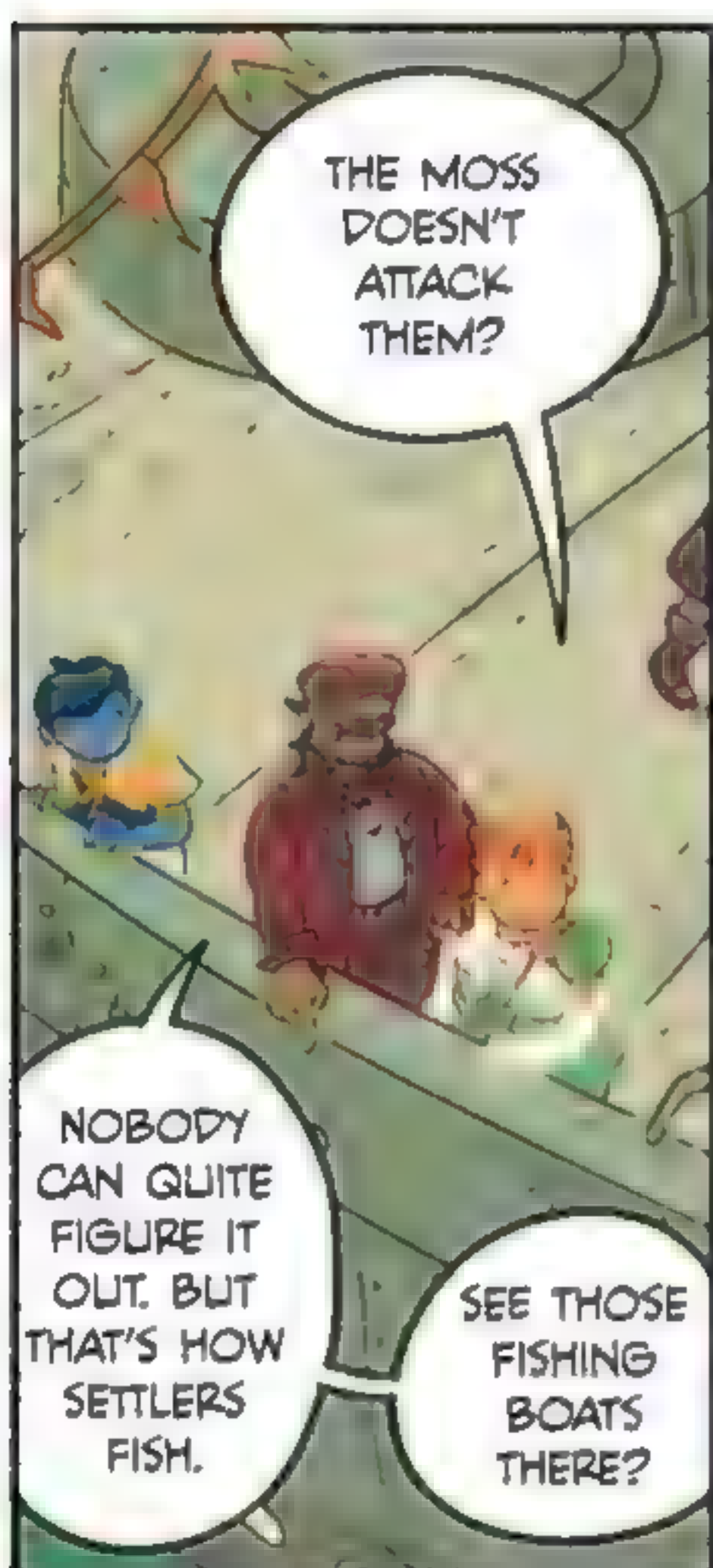


WE LOSE *TOURISTS* TO
IT EVERY YEAR. THEY
NEVER LISTEN.

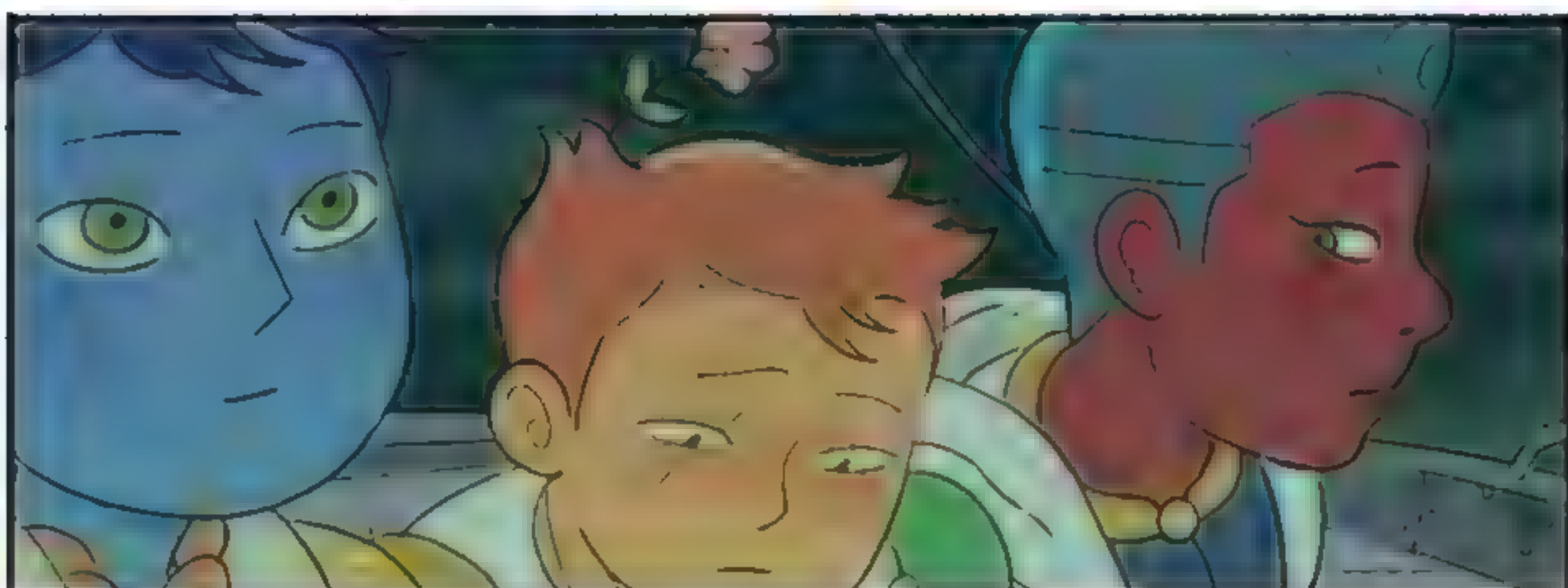
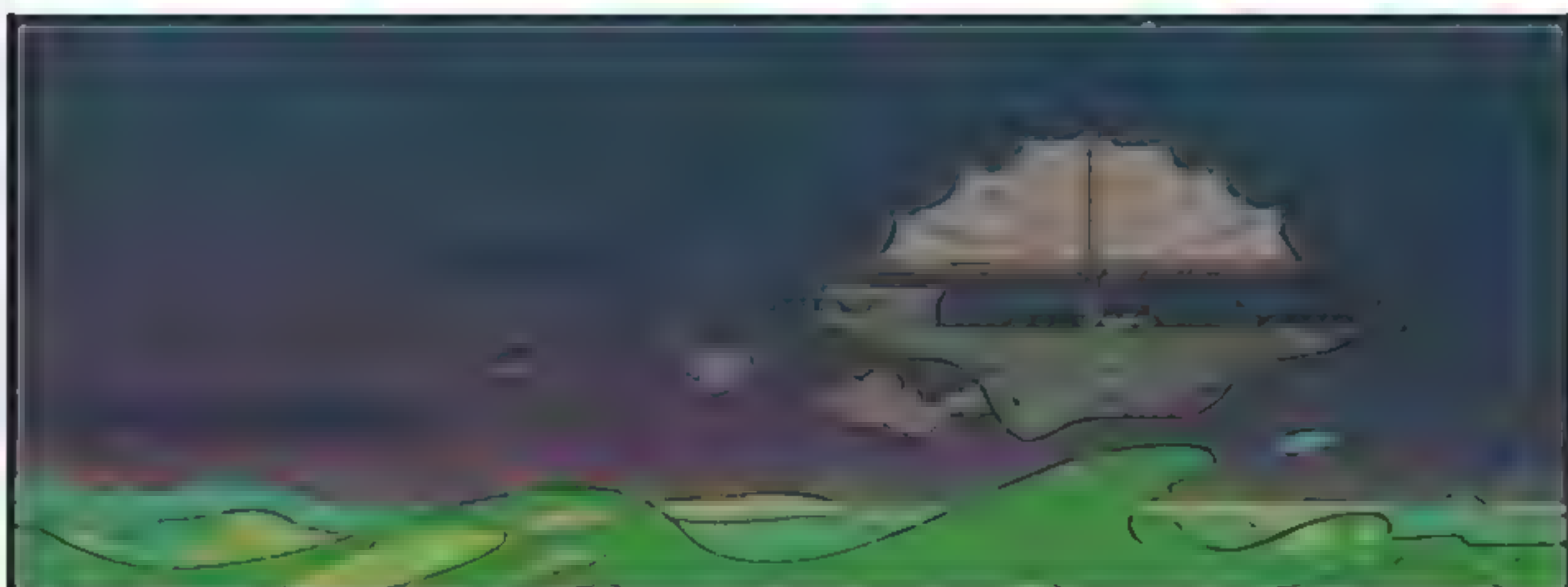
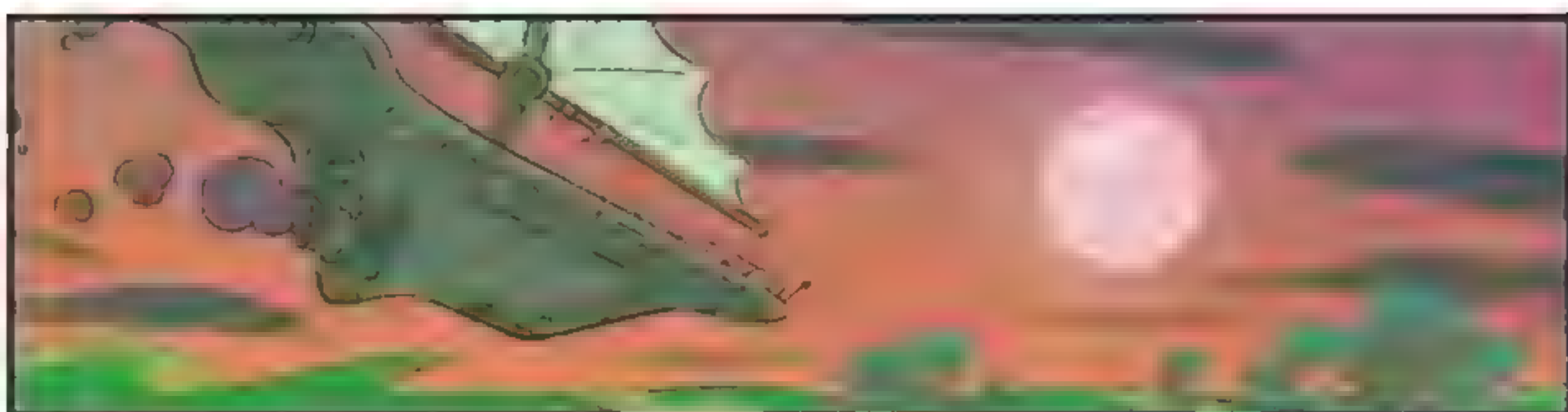


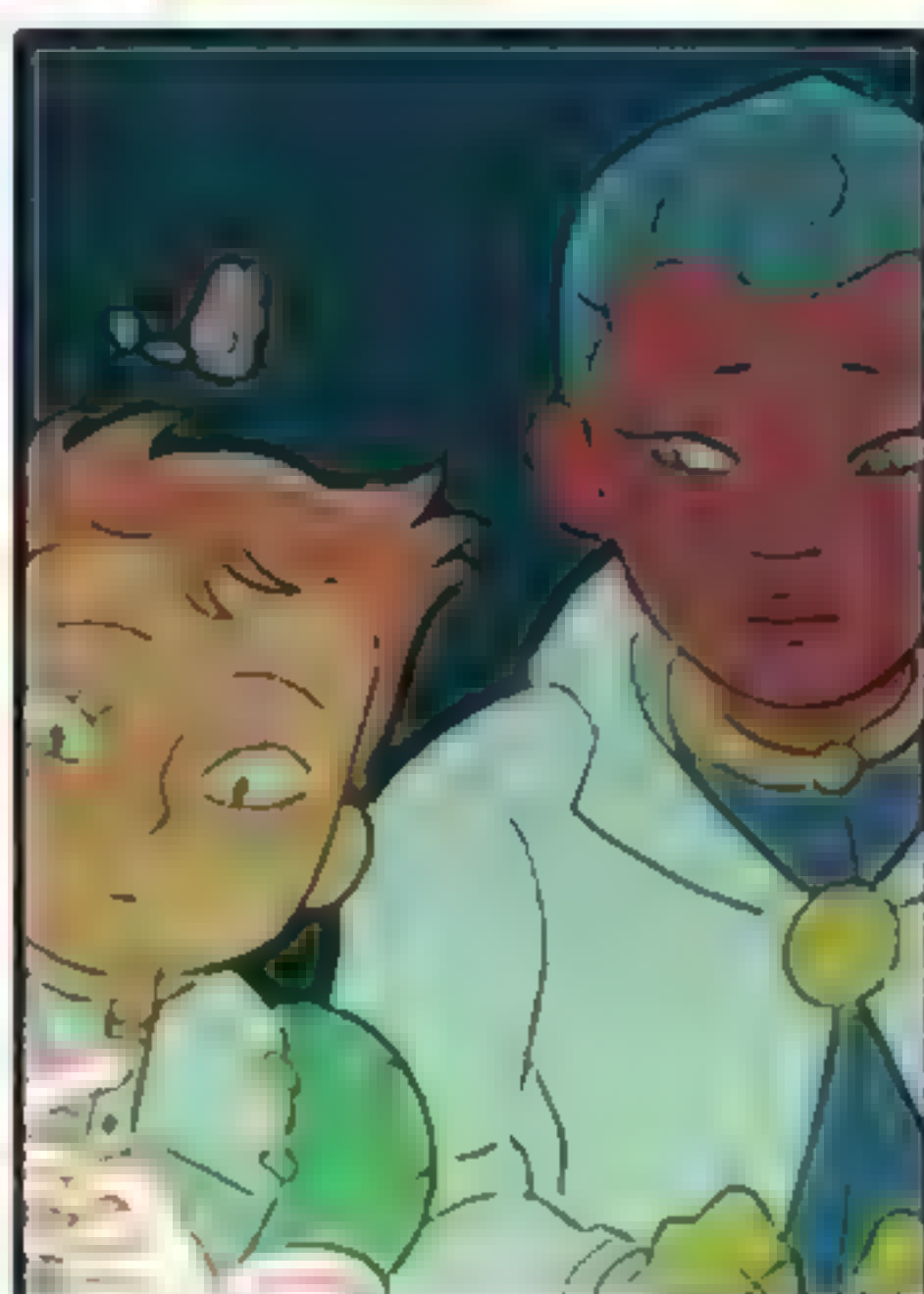
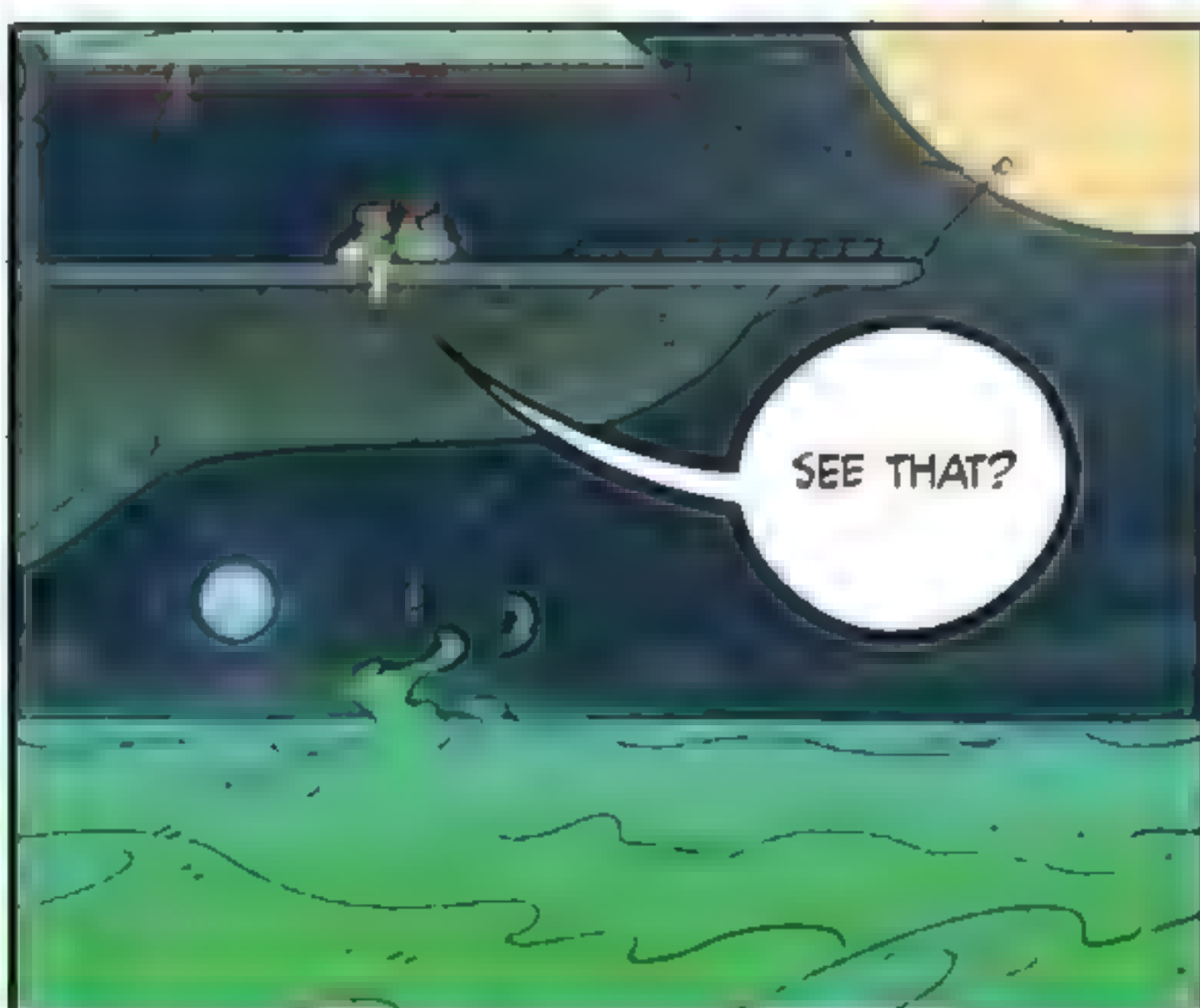
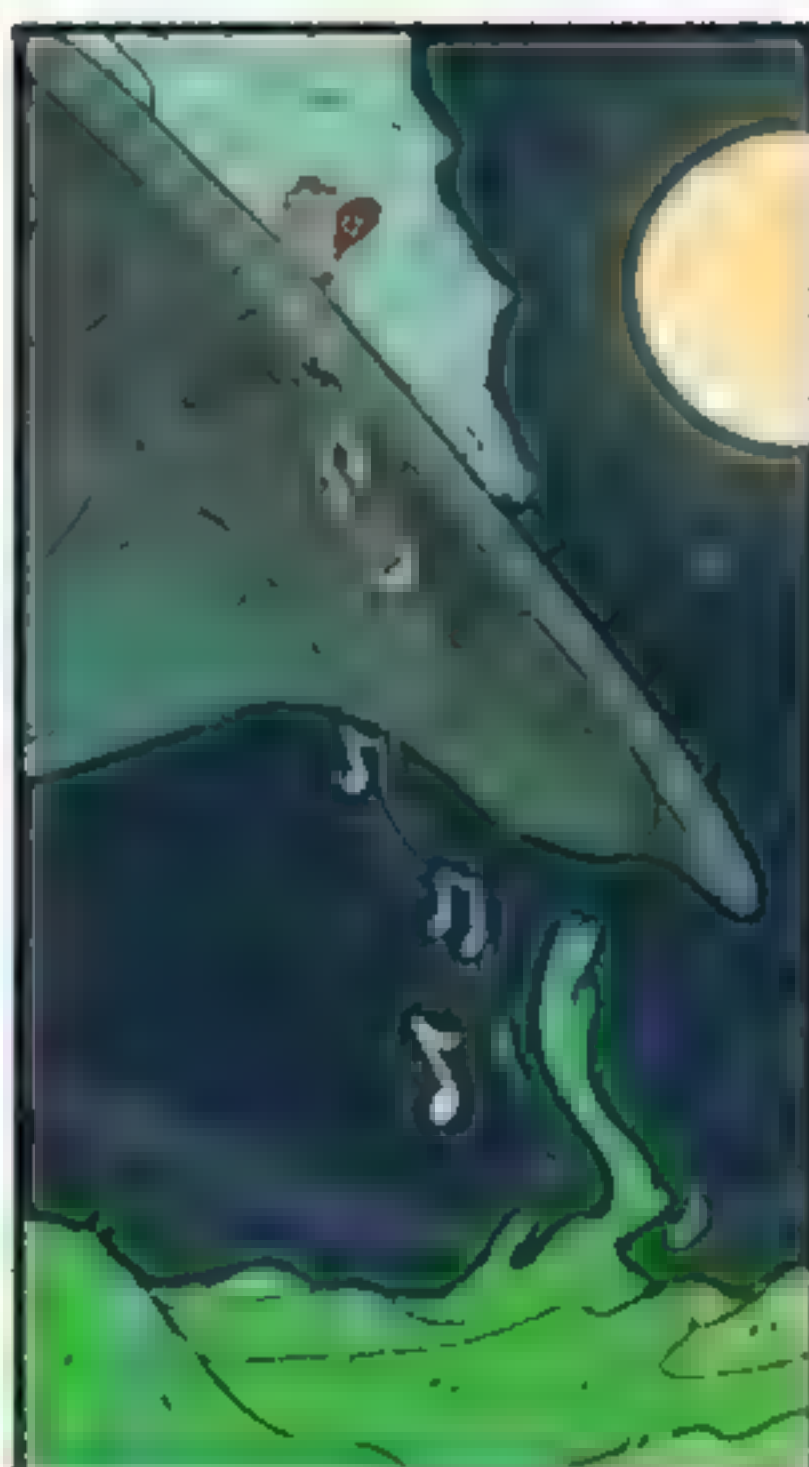
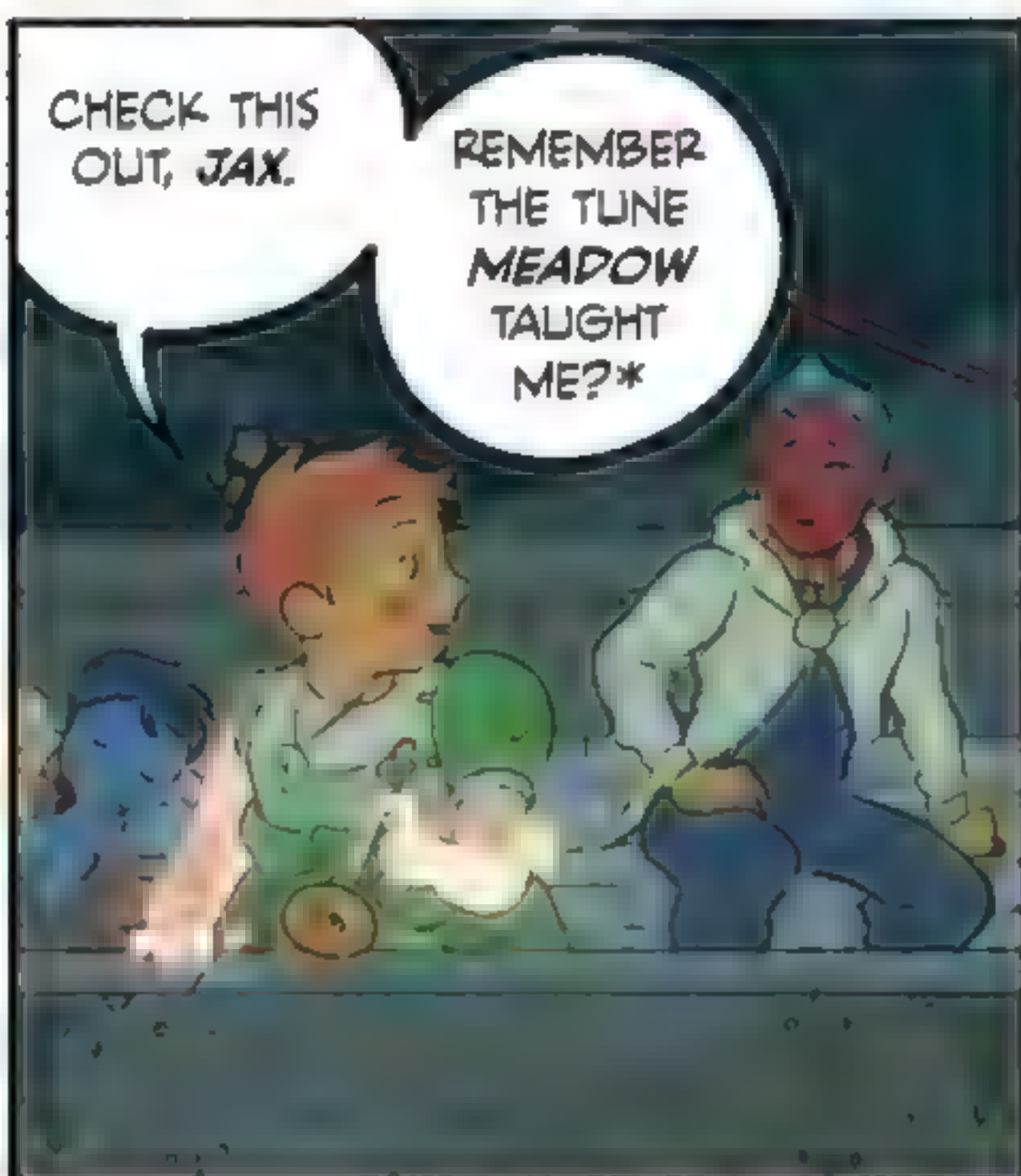
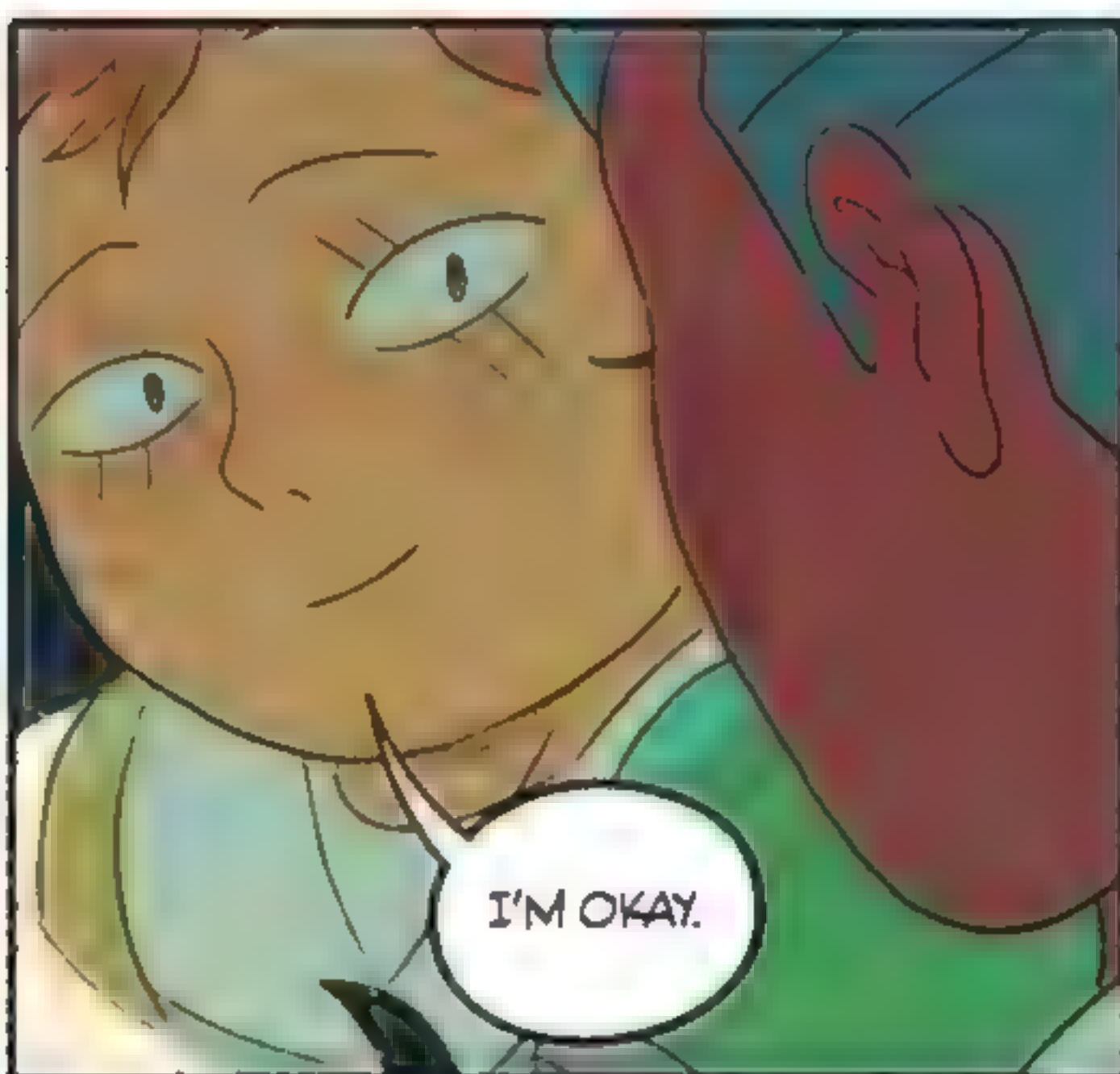
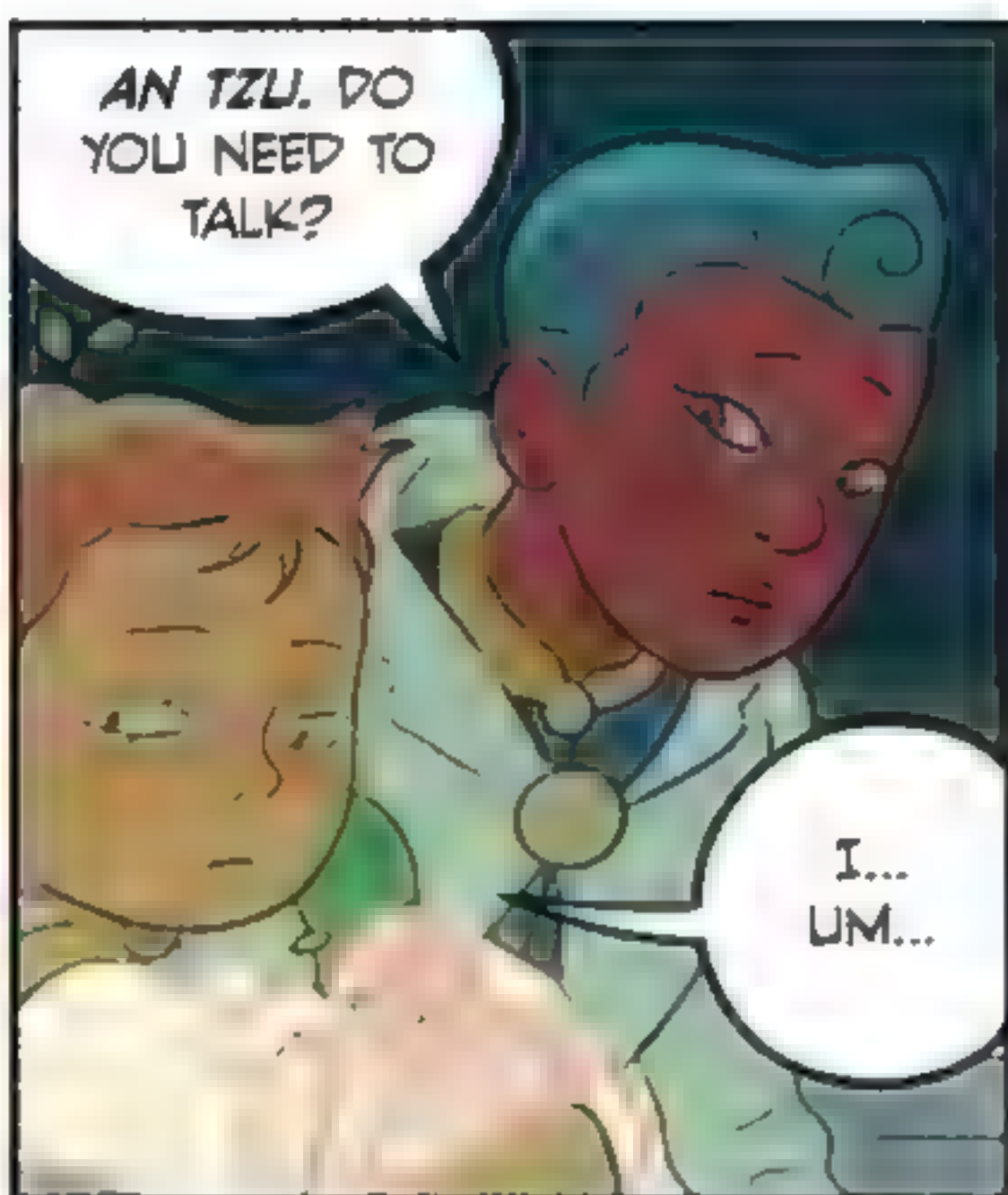
WHAT ABOUT
THEM? THEY'RE
WALKING
ON IT!



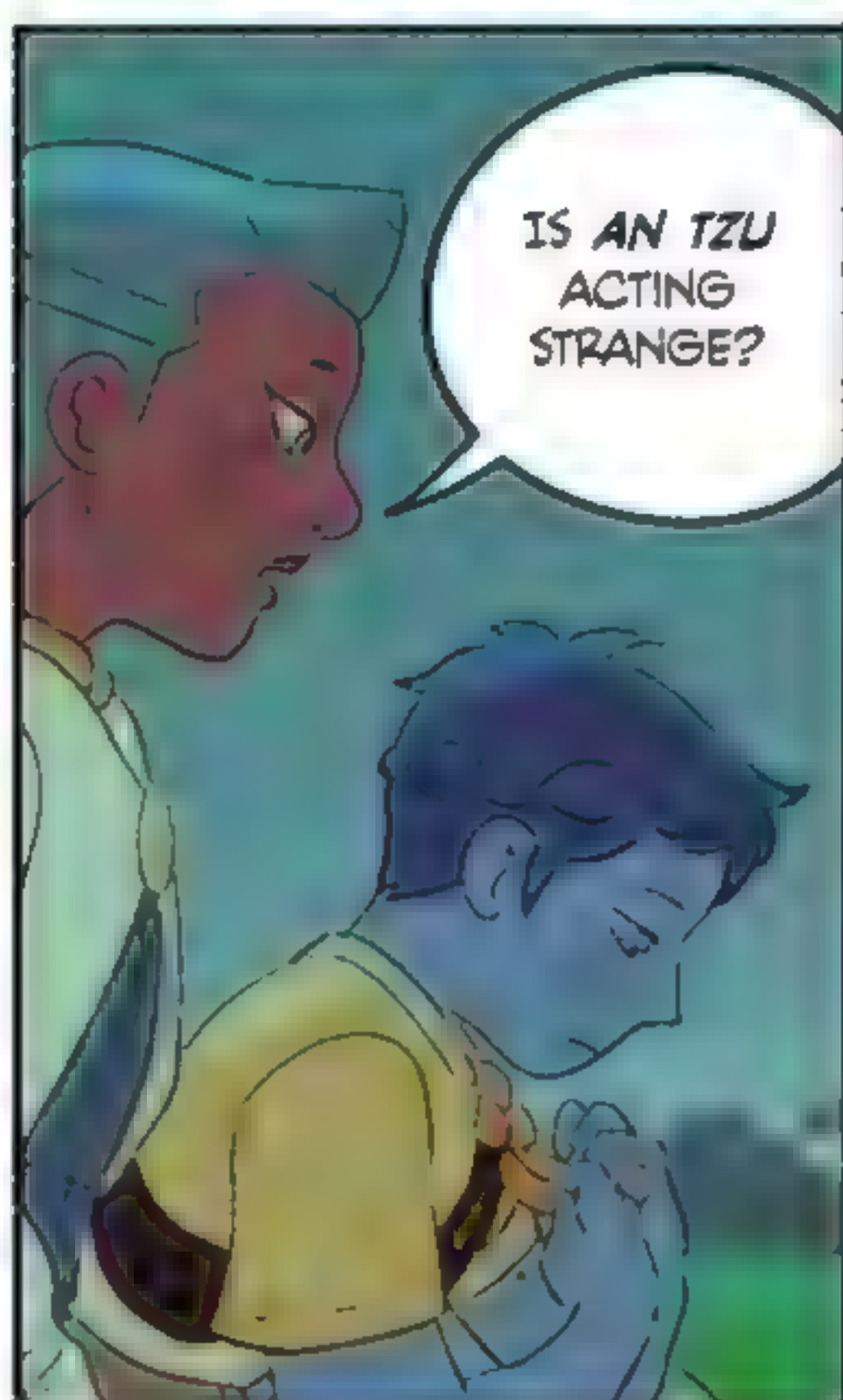
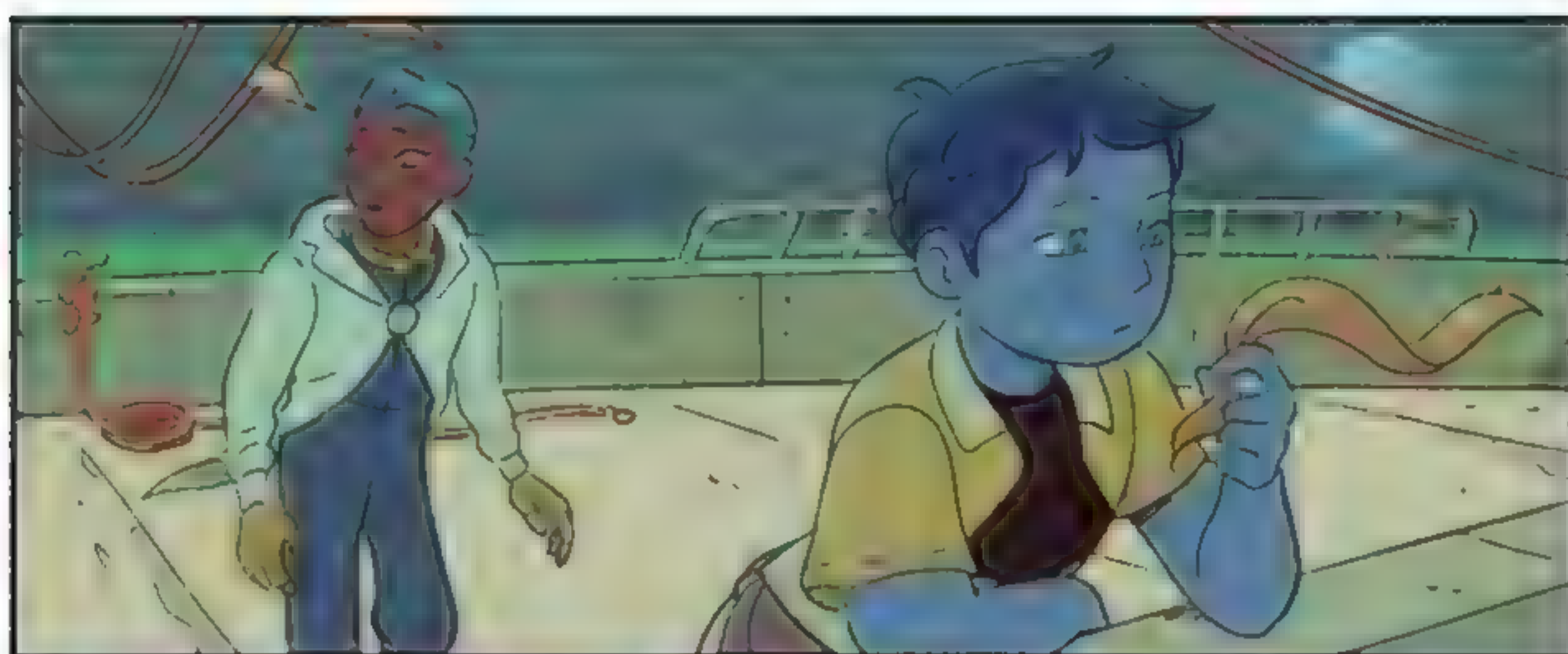








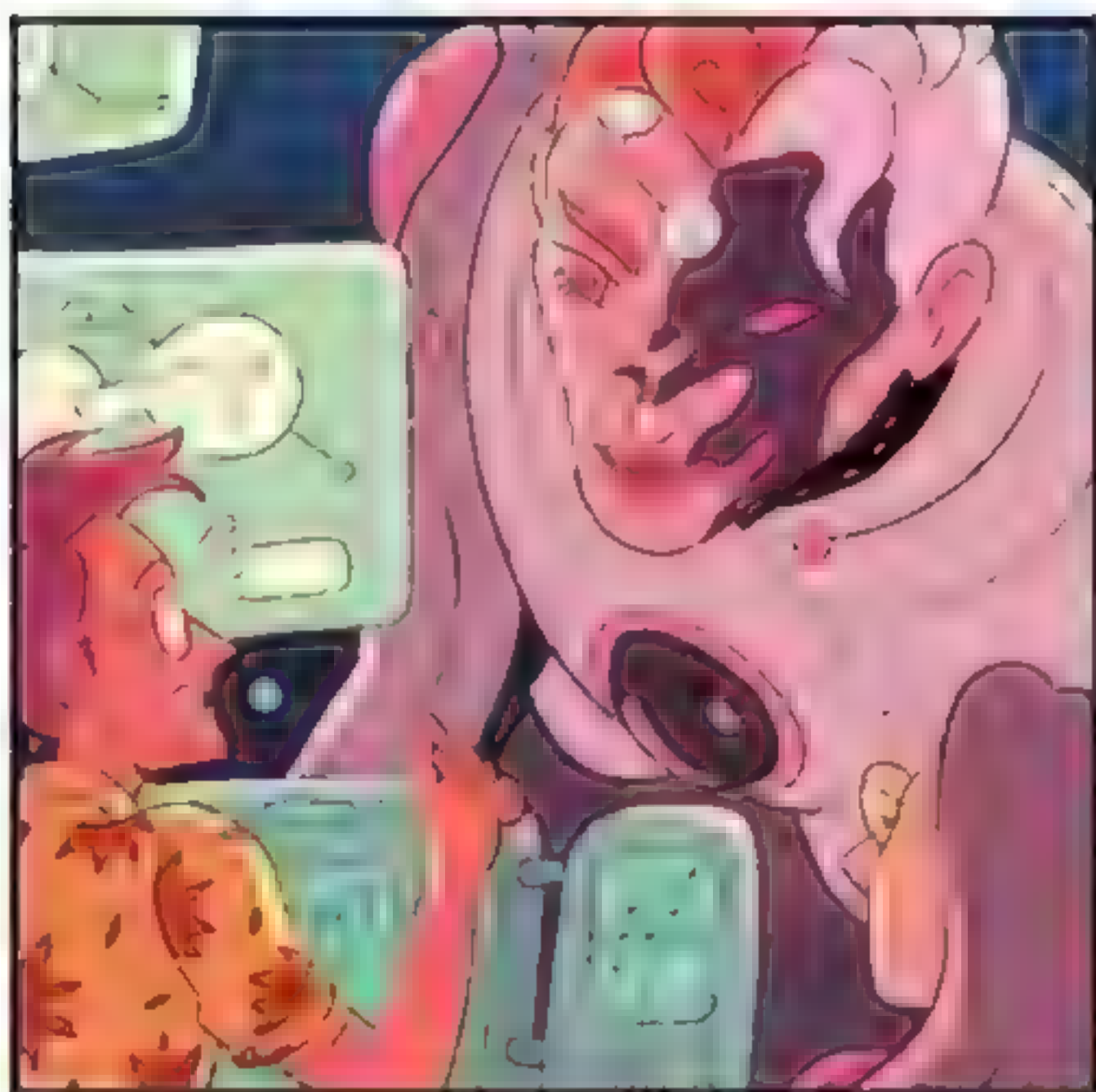
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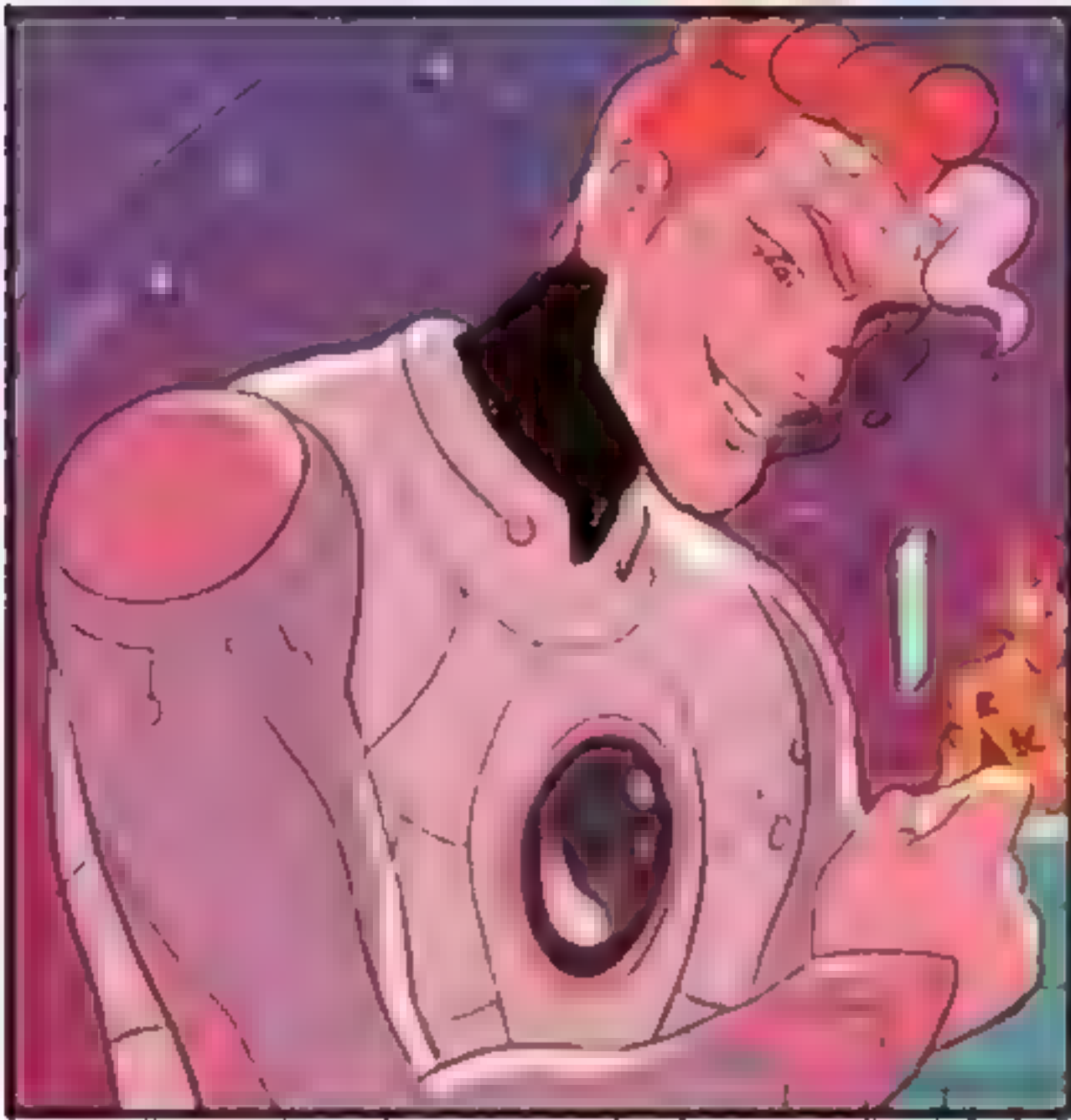


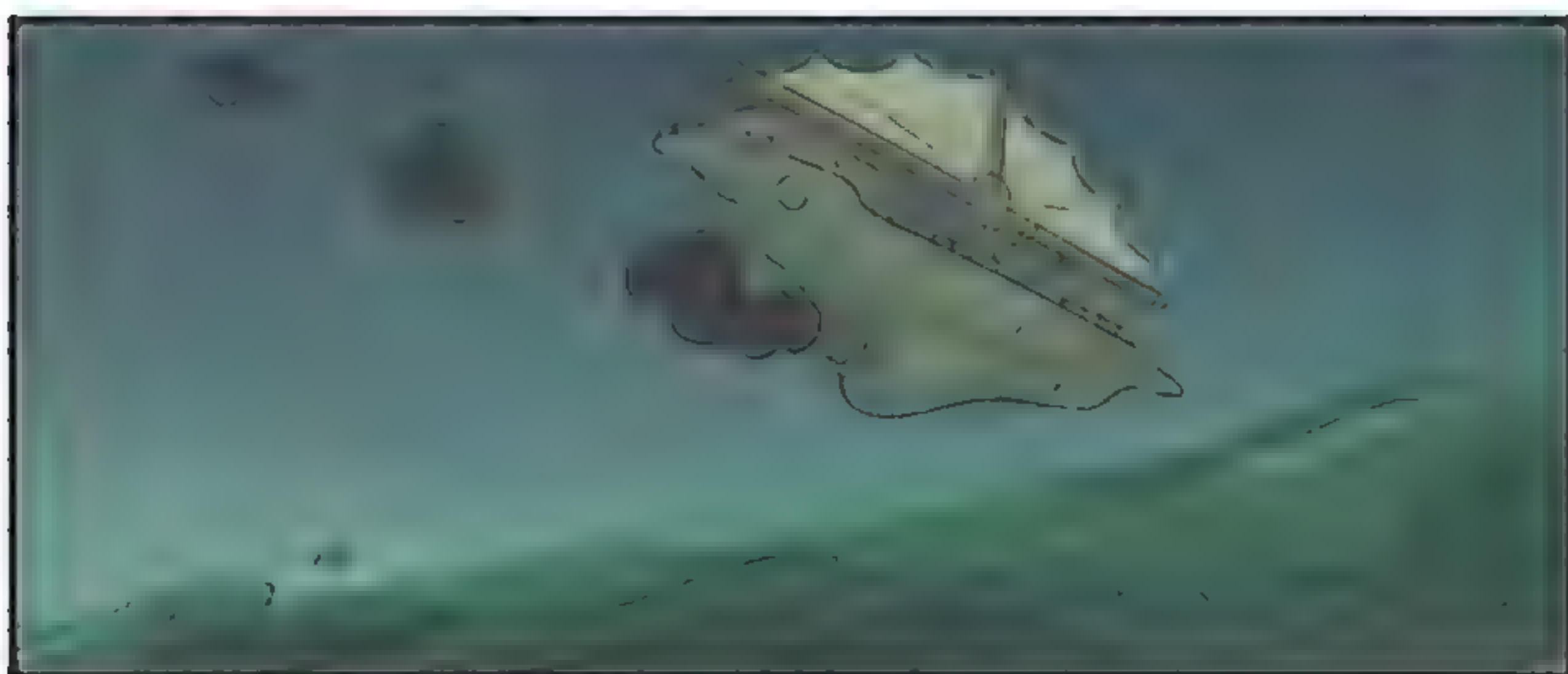
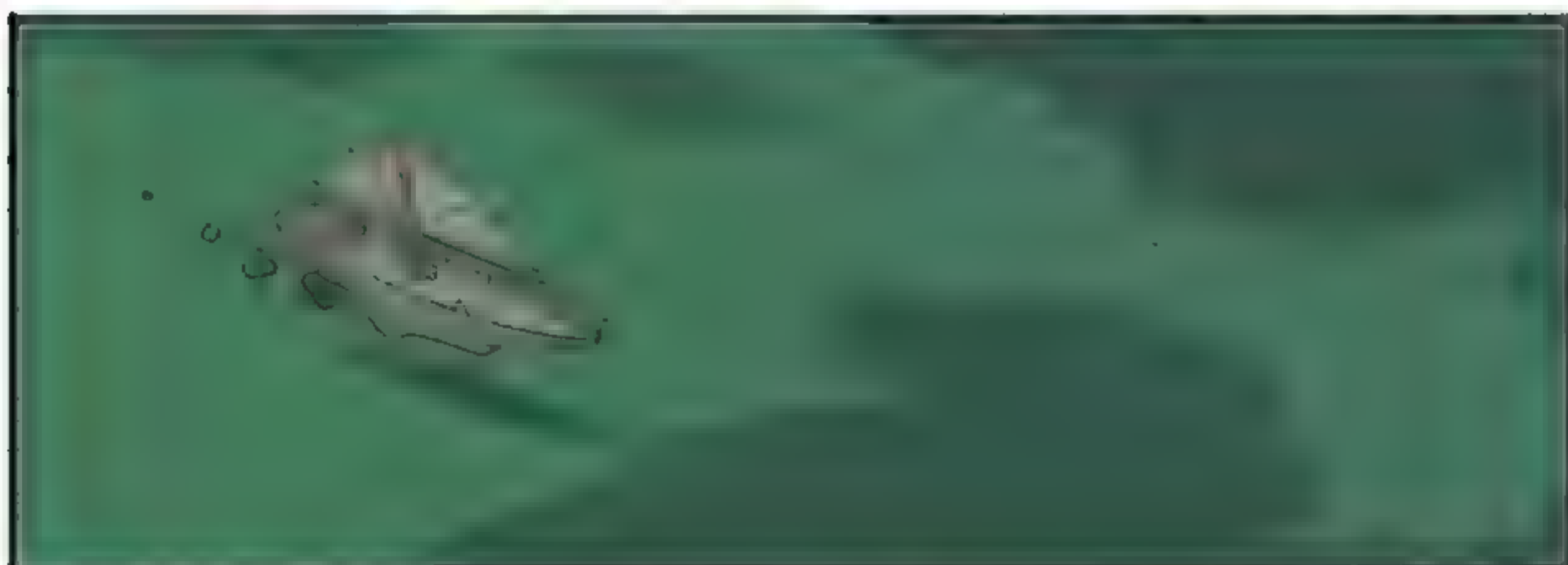
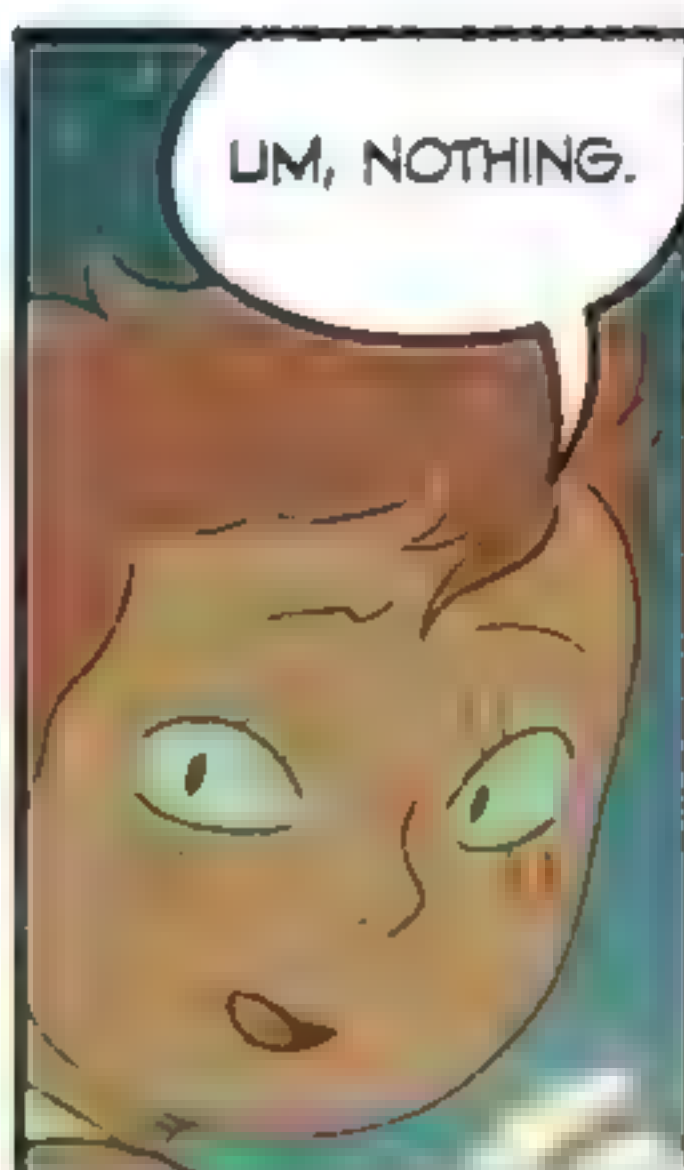
CHAPTER 2 ANOTHER LIFE

MEANWHILE, AT STAN
MOON HEADQUARTERS,
OFF SALASSANDRA...

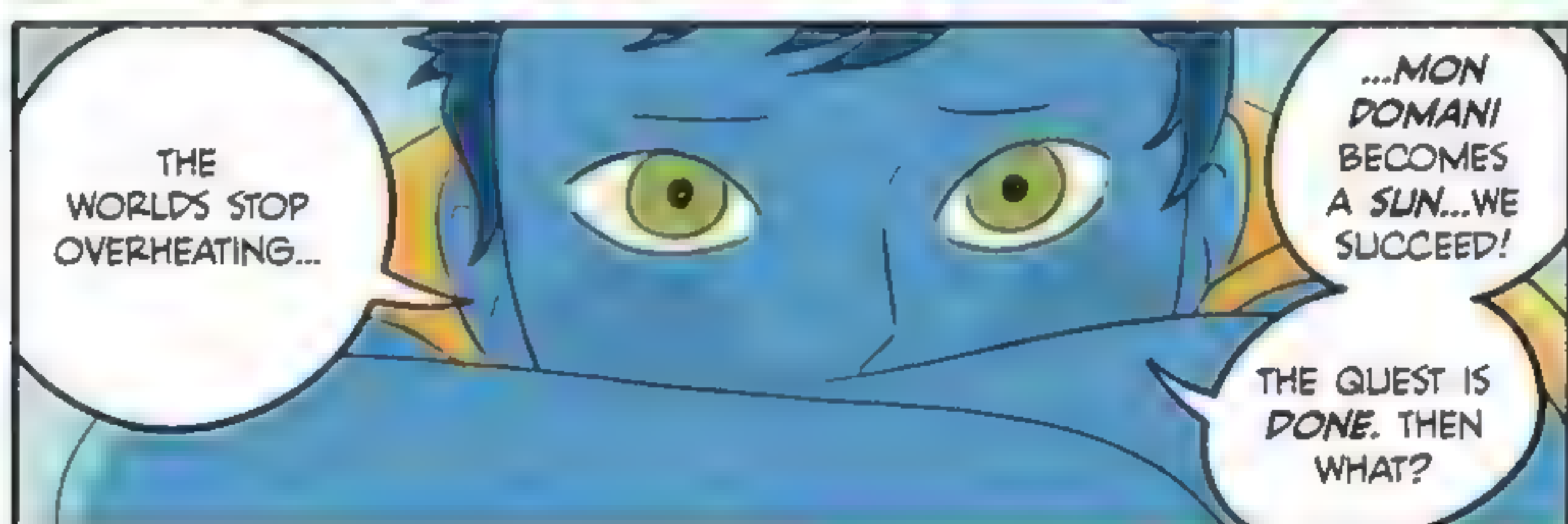


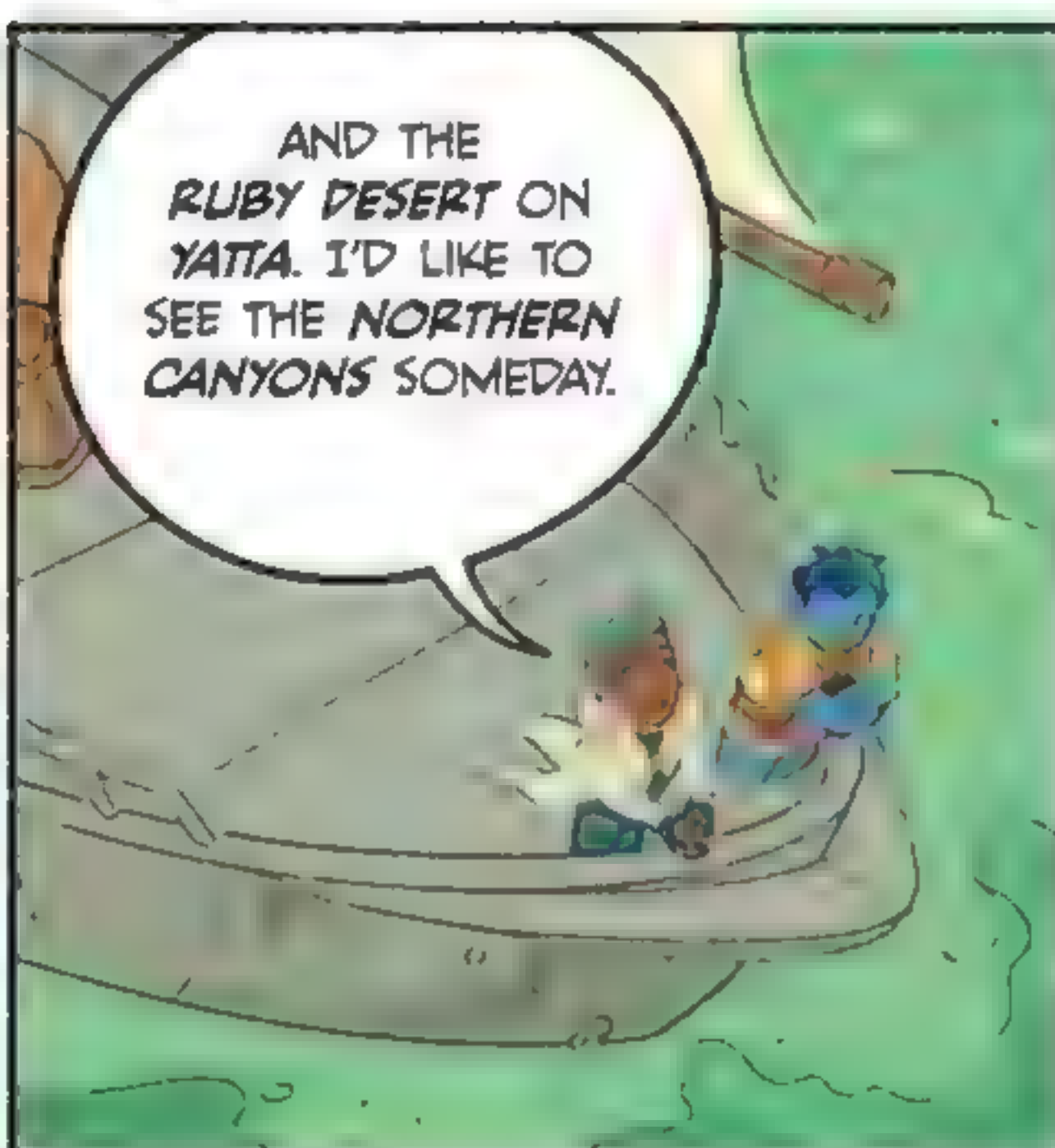


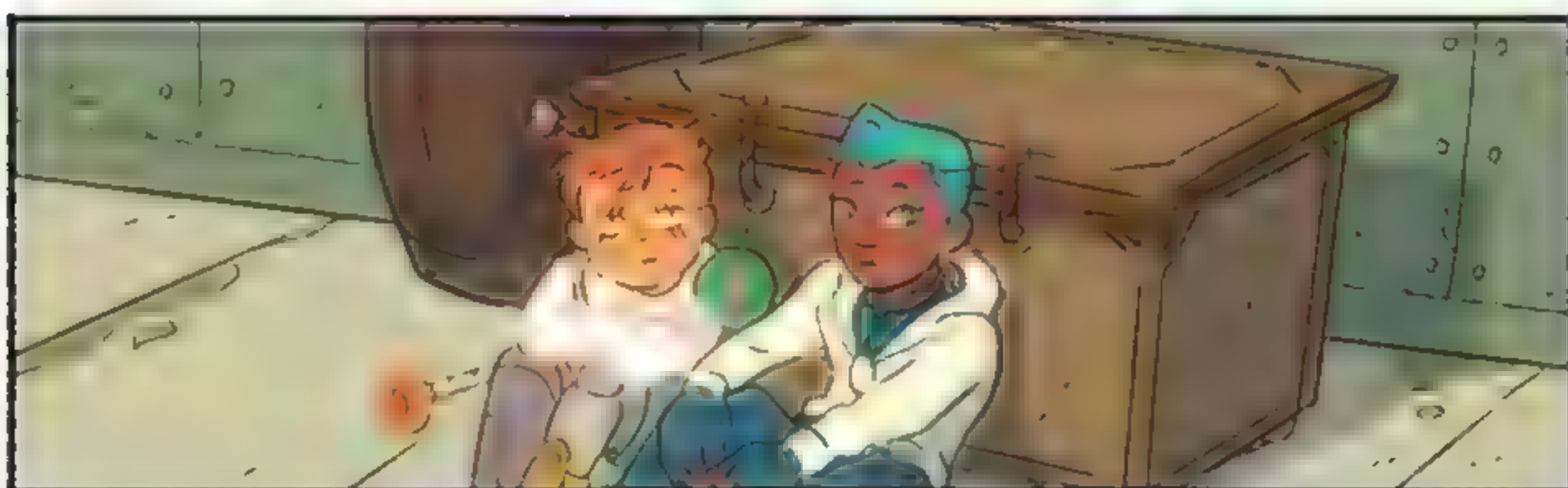
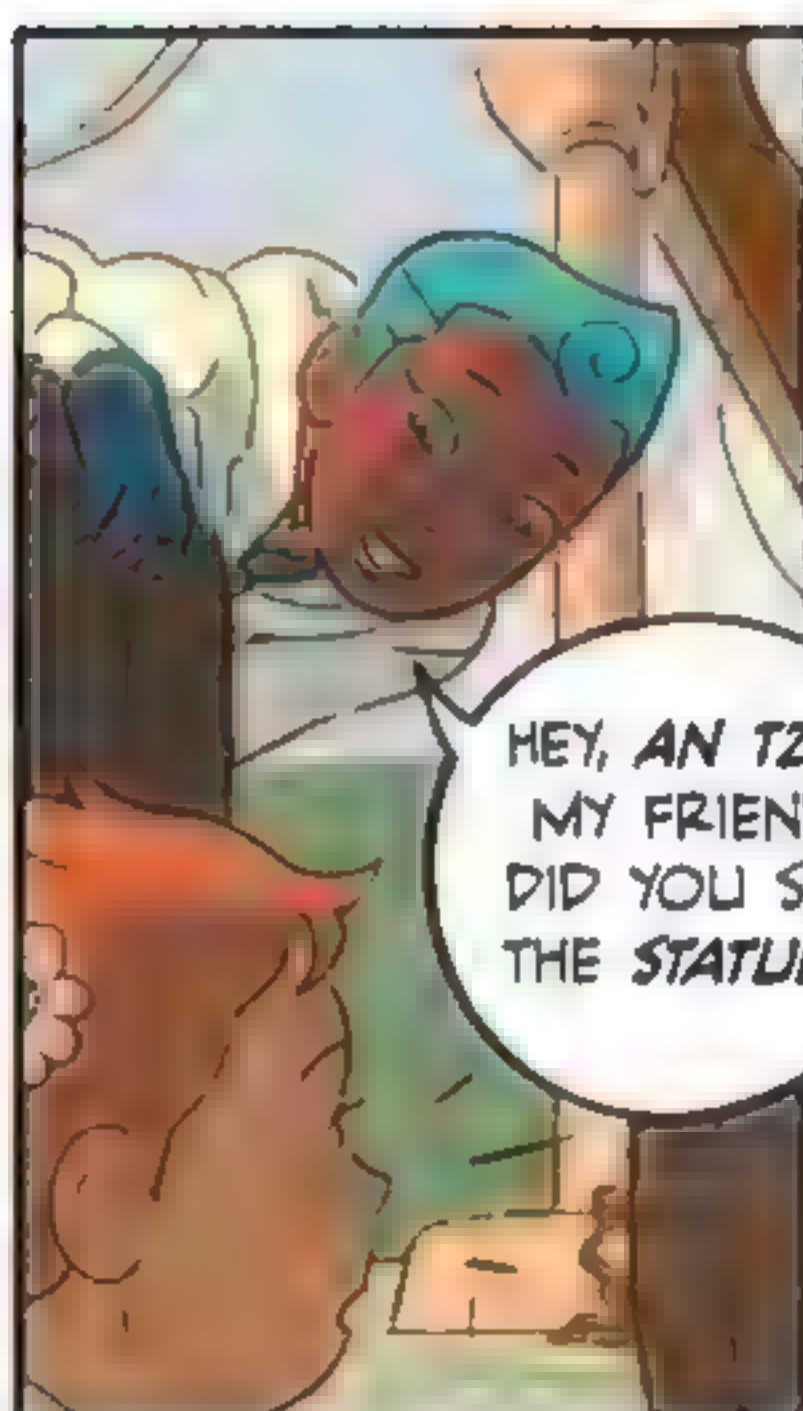


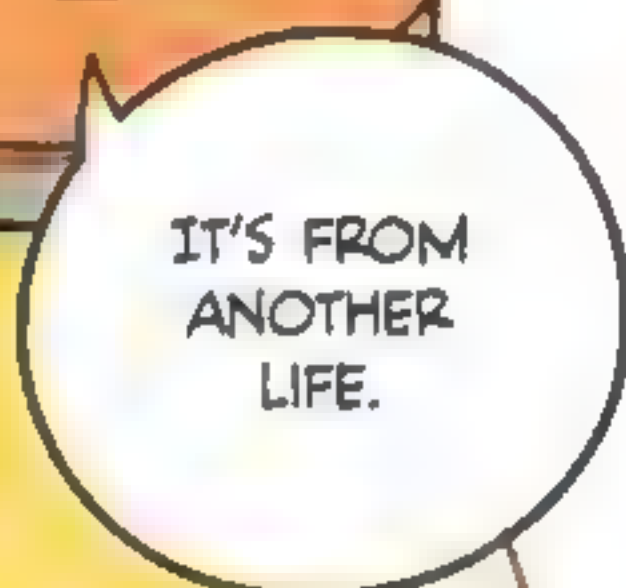
















WHY ARE
YOU RAISING
THOSE *STATUES*
EVERYWHERE IN
THE FIVE WORLDS,
MAMA?

IN CASE
THE YOUNG
SOULS NEED
REMINDERS ONE
DAY. LONG AFTER
WE'RE GONE.

WHAT IS
THAT?



ONE DAY,
WHEN THE TIME
IS RIGHT...*THAT*
WORLD WILL BE A
SUN LIKE OURS...

...AND HERE
WILL BE A
GATE TO OUR
HOME.

SO I CAN
COME
BACK HERE
AGAIN?


WHENEVER
YOU WANT!

I LOVE
THIS
MOON,
MAMA.

I DO TOO,
NEKO. MOON
GRIMBO (E) IS A
SPECIAL WORLD.
ITS GREEN SAND
REVEALS HIDDEN
THINGS.

WHAT KIND
OF THINGS?

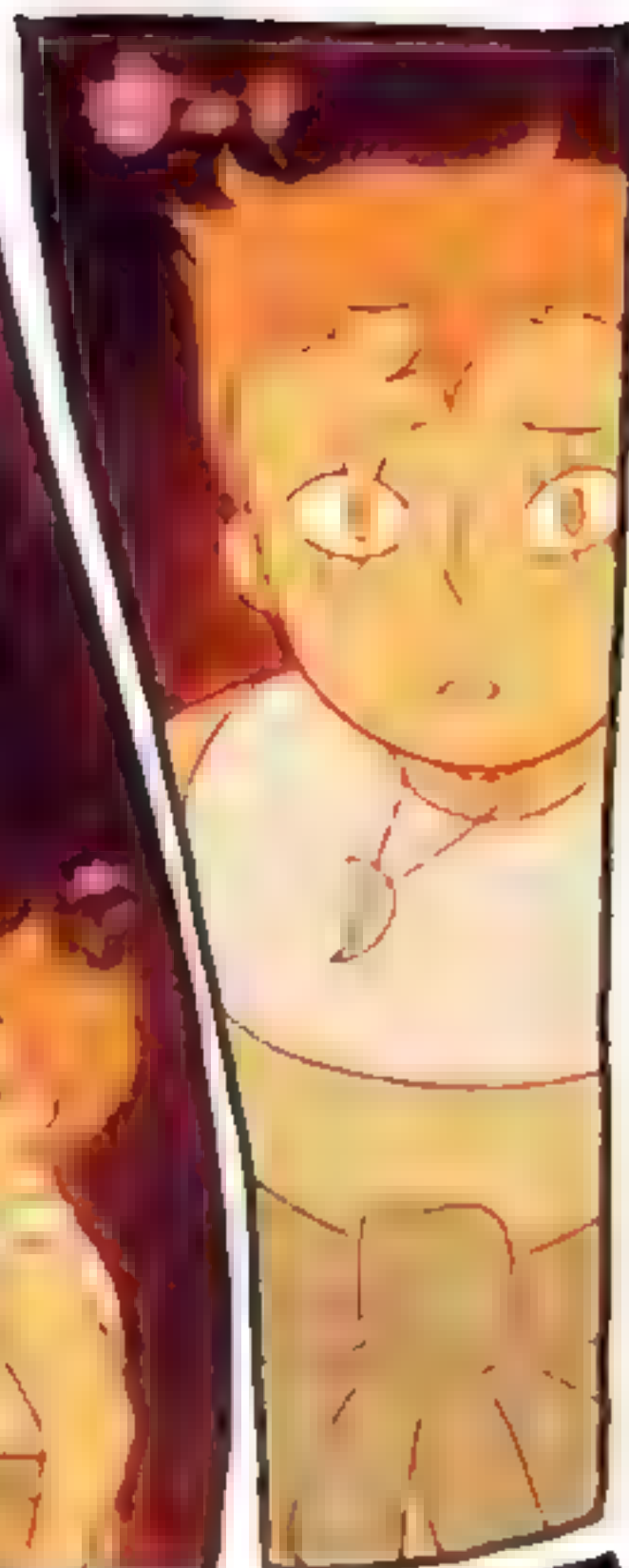
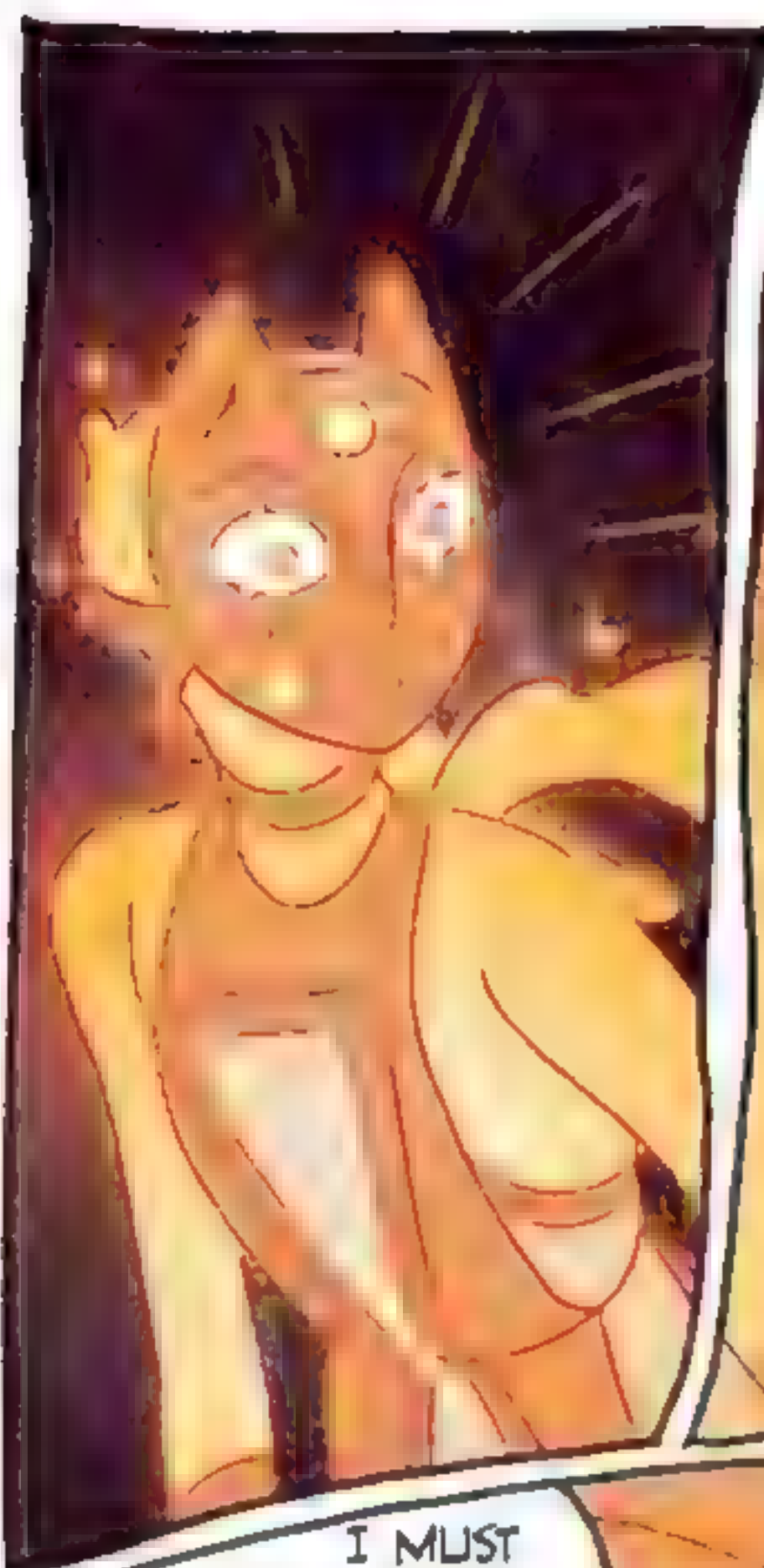
THE *TRUTH*
OF PEOPLE. THE
MANY TRUTHS
OF PEOPLE.



THE TRUTH
OF ME
TOO?

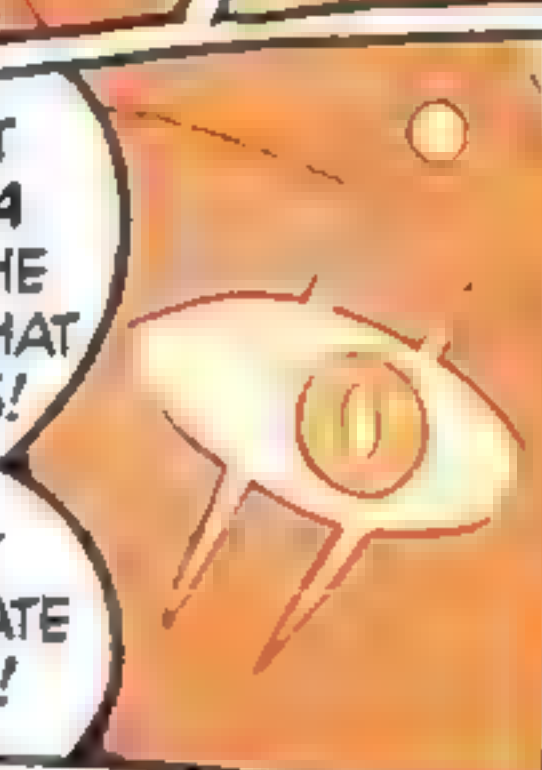


YES,
NEKO.



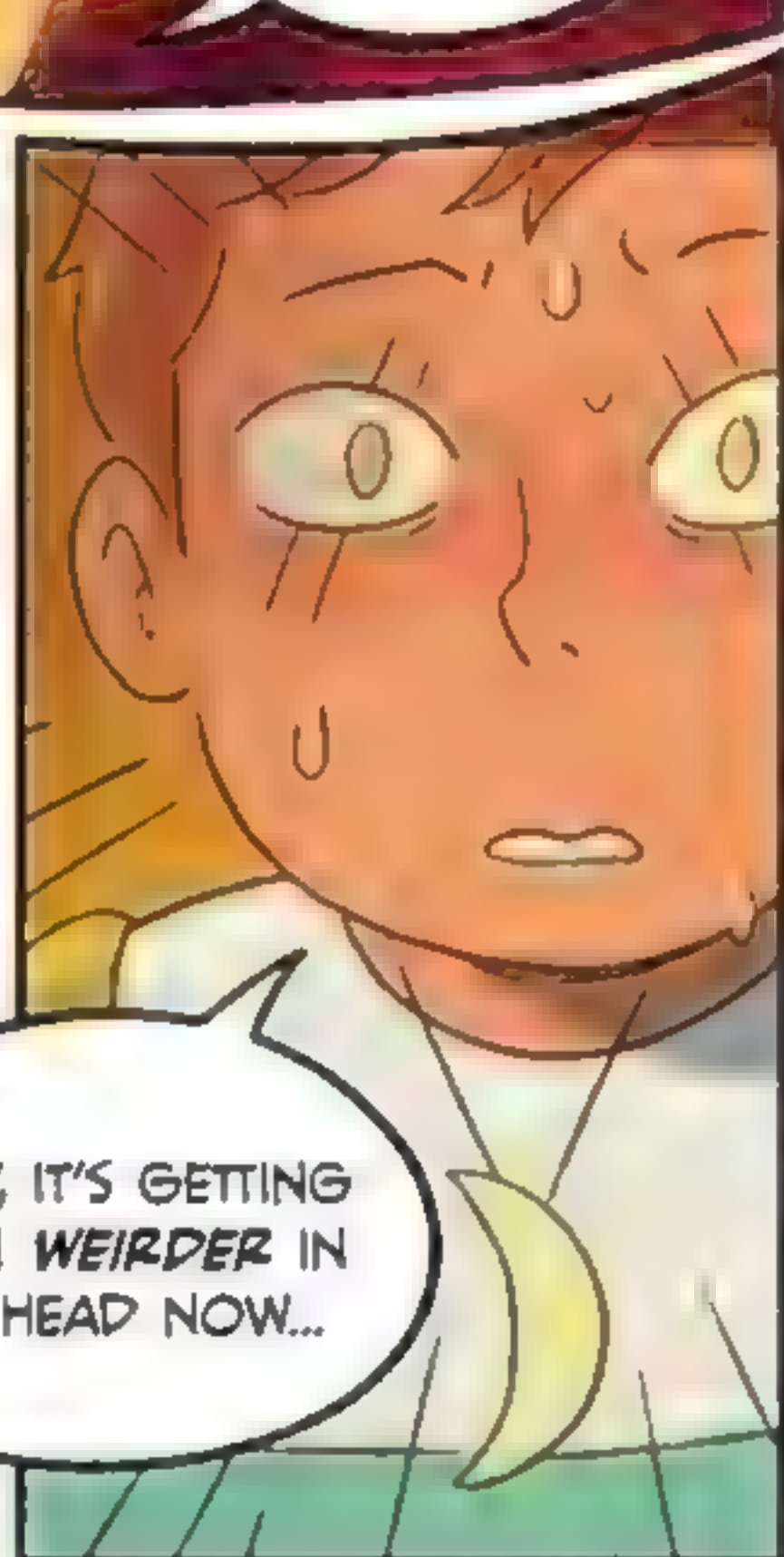
I MUST
STOP OONA
FROM LIGHTING THE
BEACON! THAT'S WHAT
THE MIMIC WANTS!

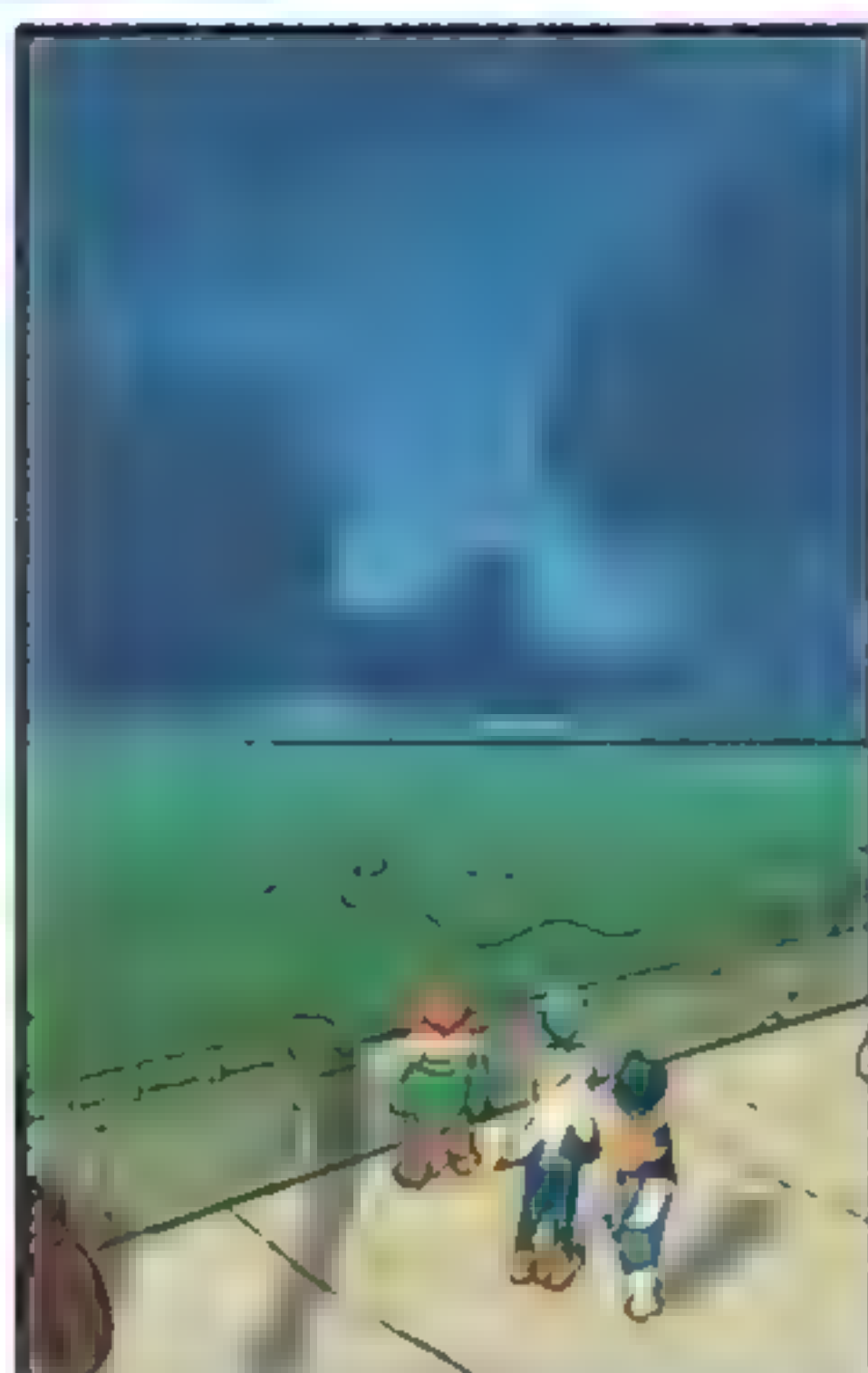
THAT'S HOW IT
WILL CONTAMINATE
THE FELID SUN!

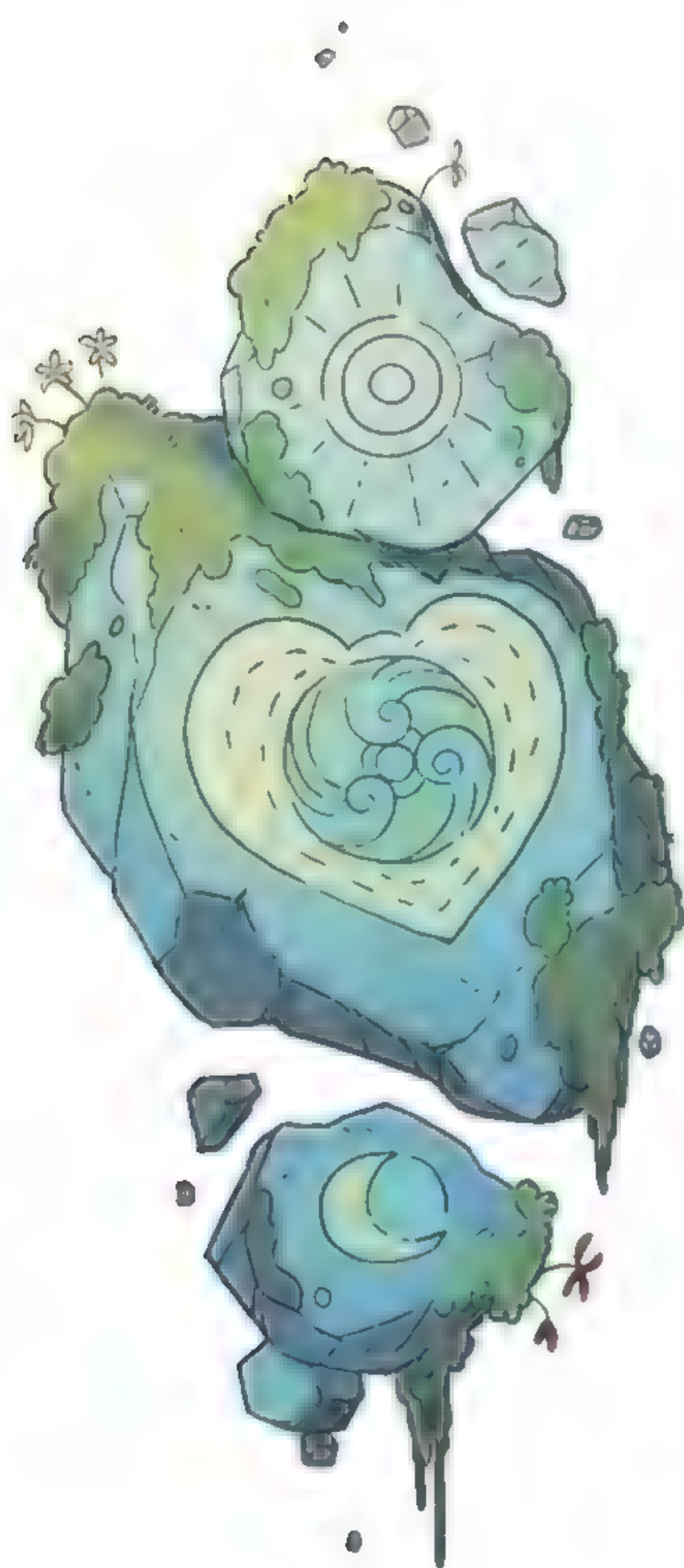


NO! SHE MUST
LIGHT IT!

AND I NEED
TO HELP MY
FRIENDS!







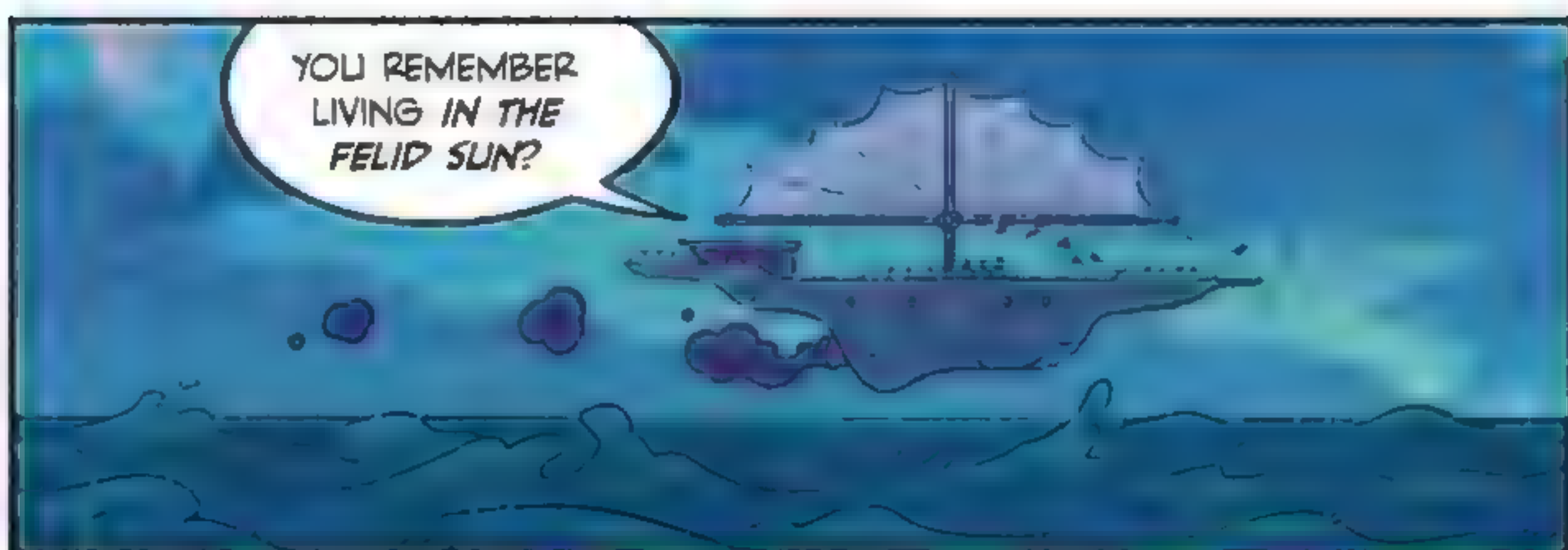
CHAPTER 3

DARK CLOUDS AND A DEAR FRIEND

HOW MUCH DO
YOU REMEMBER,
AN TZU?

YOU ACTUALLY
REMEMBER YOUR
PAST LIFE AS
PRINCE NEKO?

YES...SORT
OF...BITS AND
PIECES...



YOU REMEMBER
LIVING IN THE
FELID SUN?



WHAT WAS IT
LIKE? DO THEY
HAVE *CITIES* AND
THINGS?

WHAT DOES THE
SKY LOOK LIKE
INSIDE A SUN?



DIFFERENT...

YES,
CITIES OF
SAND...

BUT MY
CLEAREST MEMORIES ARE
FROM *THE FIVE WORLDS*.
LONG AGO, WHEN WE--
WHEN THE *FELIDS*
WERE HERE...




WOW! THE *ANCIENT*
FIVE WORLDS? THE FIVE
BEACONS WERE *LIT*
BACK THEN,
RIGHT?

YES, ALL *FIVE*
OF THEM
WERE *LIT*.



THEY HAD TO
BE *SHUT OFF*.



THE BEACONS
SPED UP THE GROWTH OF
THE WHOLE SYSTEM, SO
MON DOMANI COULD
BECOME SUN DOMANI
SOONER...

IT WAS AN
AMAZING
CREATION.

THE PLANTS
EVOLVED THE FASTEST,
BUT HUMANS WERE
GROWING TOO.

UNTIL
THE MIMIC
SPREAD ITS
POISON.

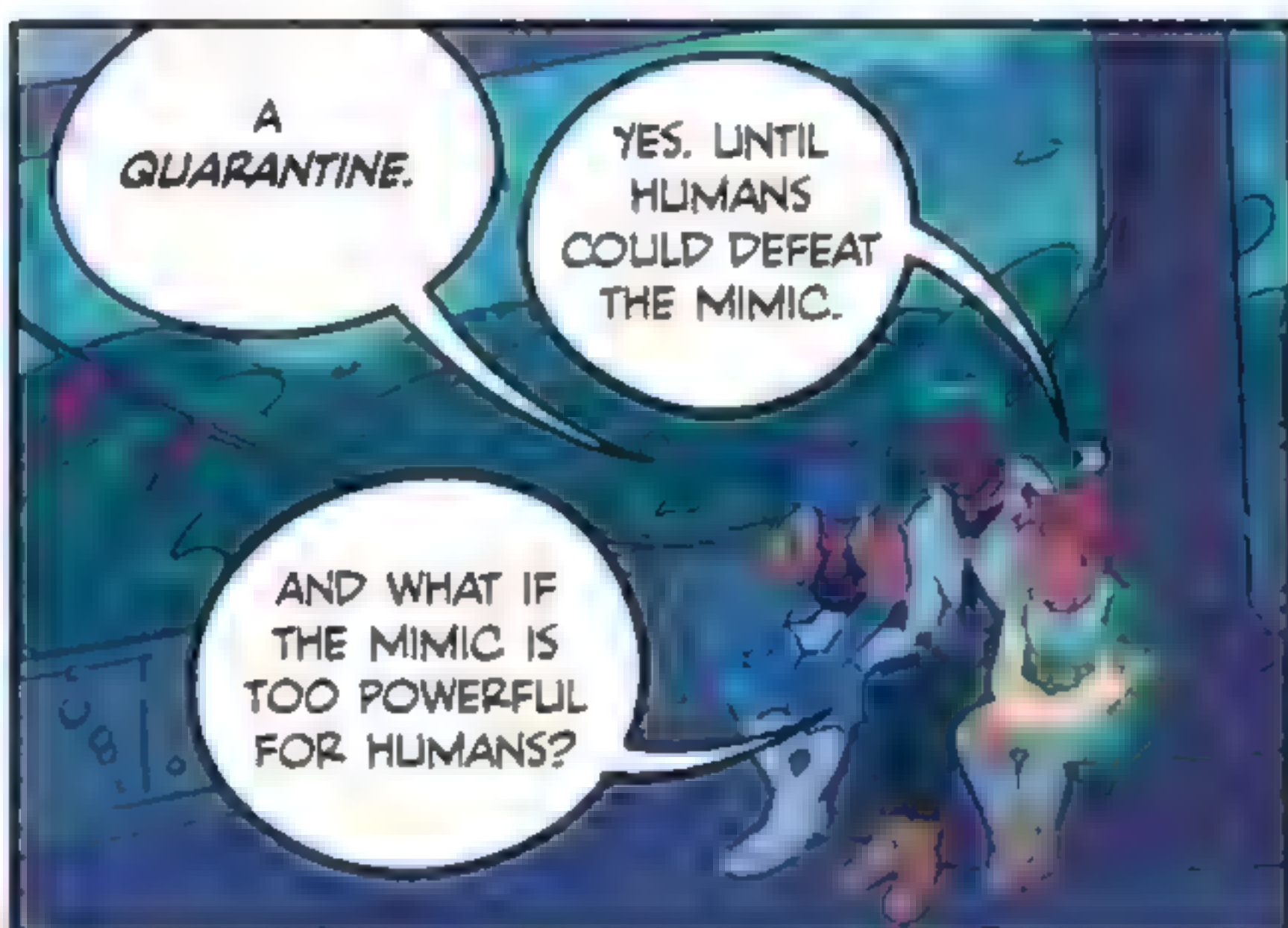
AND TURNED
MANY HUMANS
AGAINST MY
MOTHER. MADE
AN ARMY OUT OF
THEM.

IONA
FEARED THE
MIMIC COULD ONE
DAY INFECT THE
SUN REALM.

BEFORE
IT KILLED HER,
SHE ORDERED THE
BEACONS SHUT
OFF.



AND THE FIVE
WORLDS WERE
ISOLATED.



A
QUARANTINE.

YES. UNTIL
HUMANS
COULD DEFEAT
THE MIMIC.

AND WHAT IF
THE MIMIC IS
TOO POWERFUL
FOR HUMANS?



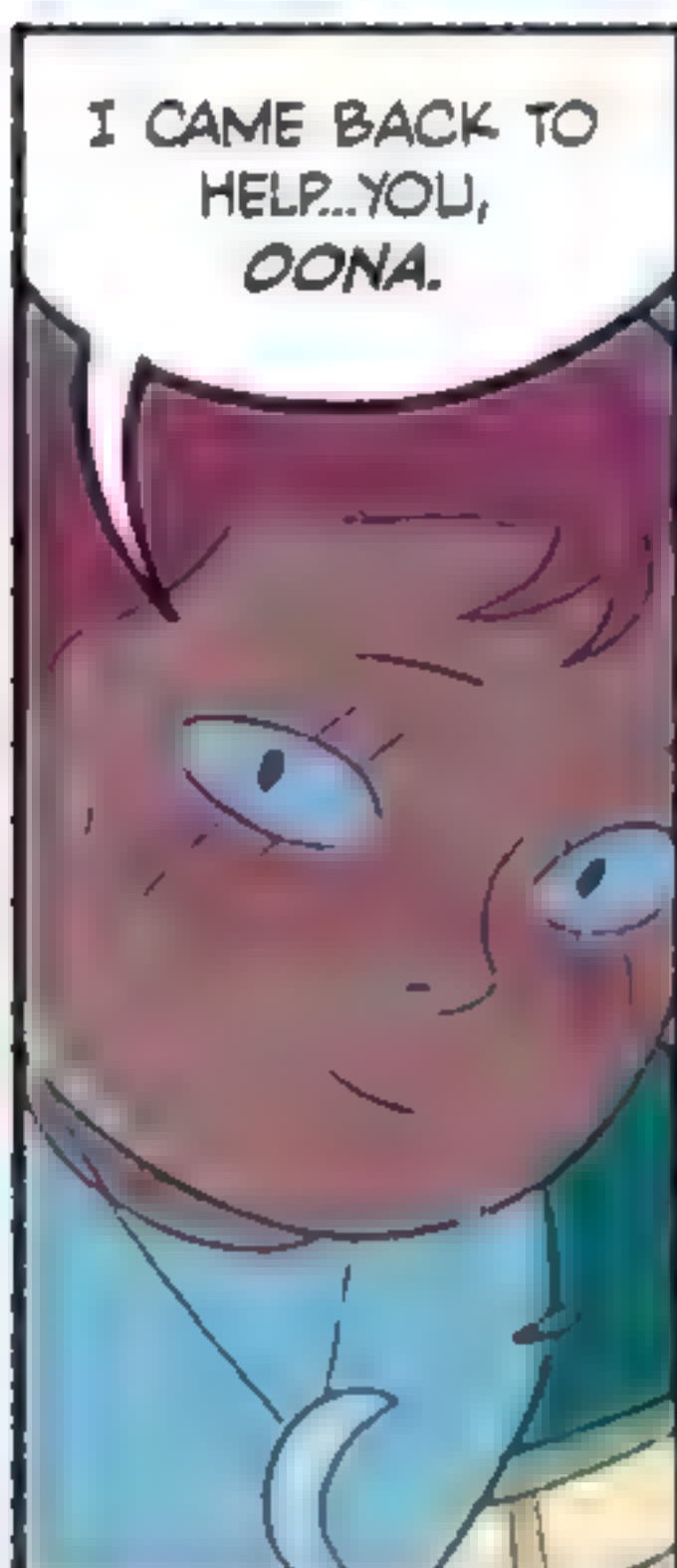
THEN THE *FELIDS* WERE
PREPARED TO *DESTROY*
THE FIVE WORLDS.
FOR THE SAKE OF THE
UNIVERSE.

BUT *NEKO*
RETURNED!
HERE YOU
ARE!



I *BELIEVED*
THERE WAS
HOPE.

BUT I THINK I
MAY HAVE BEEN
THE ONLY ONE.

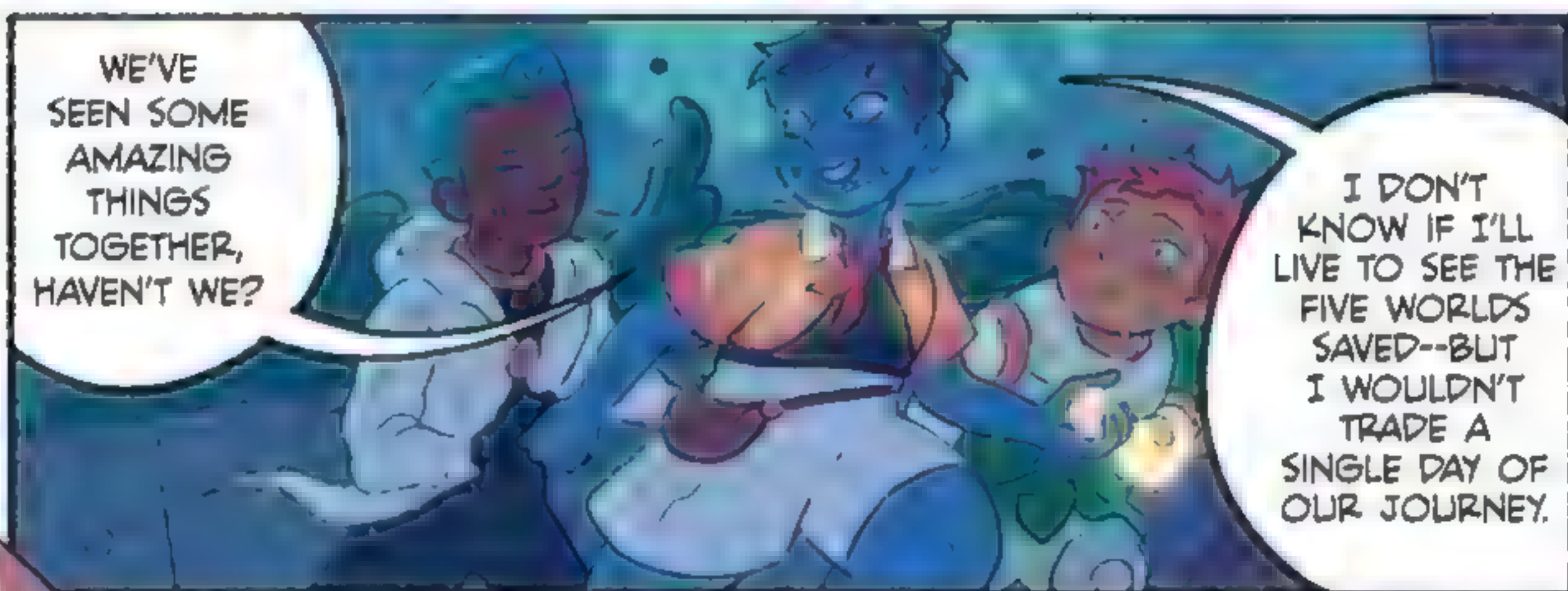


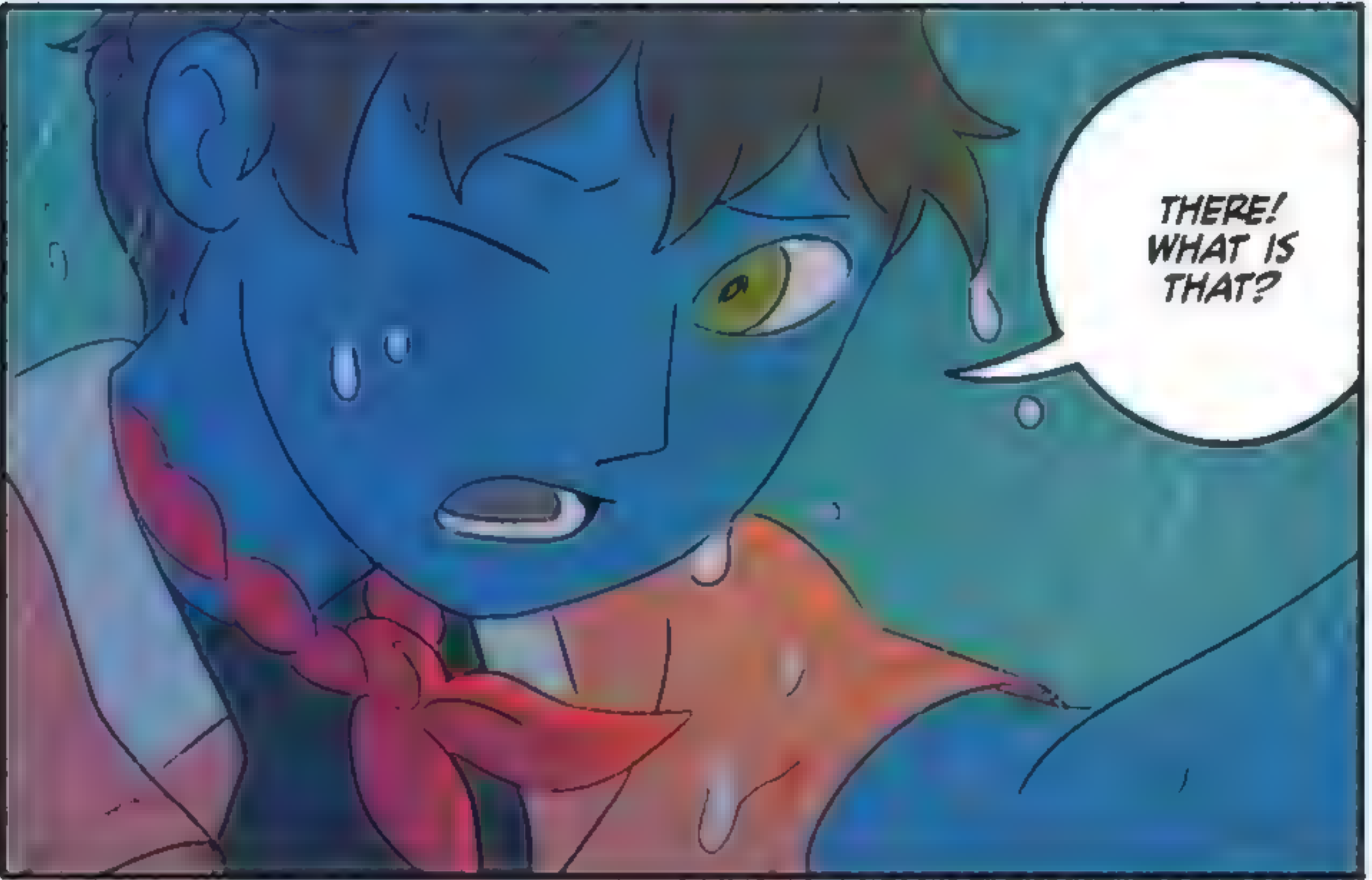
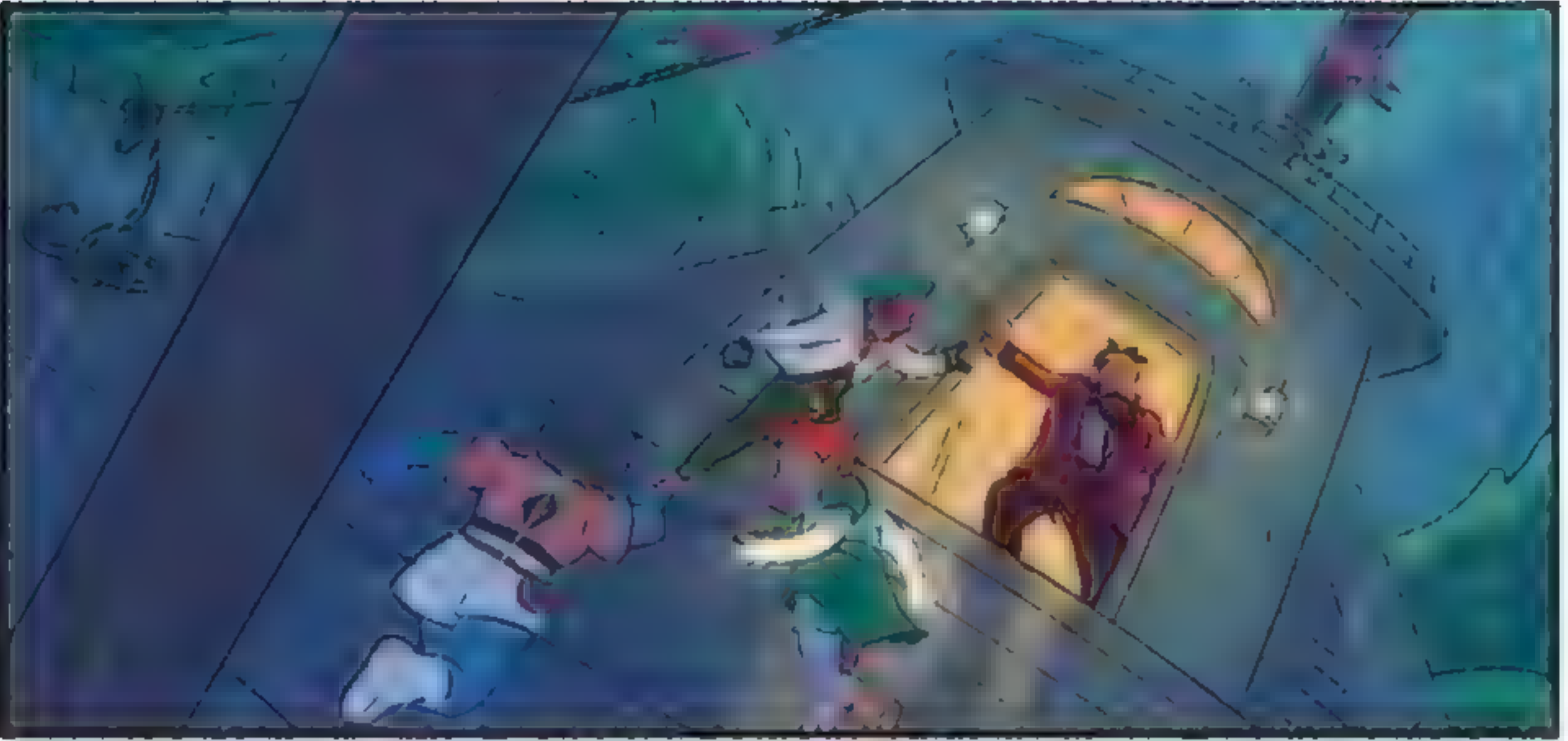
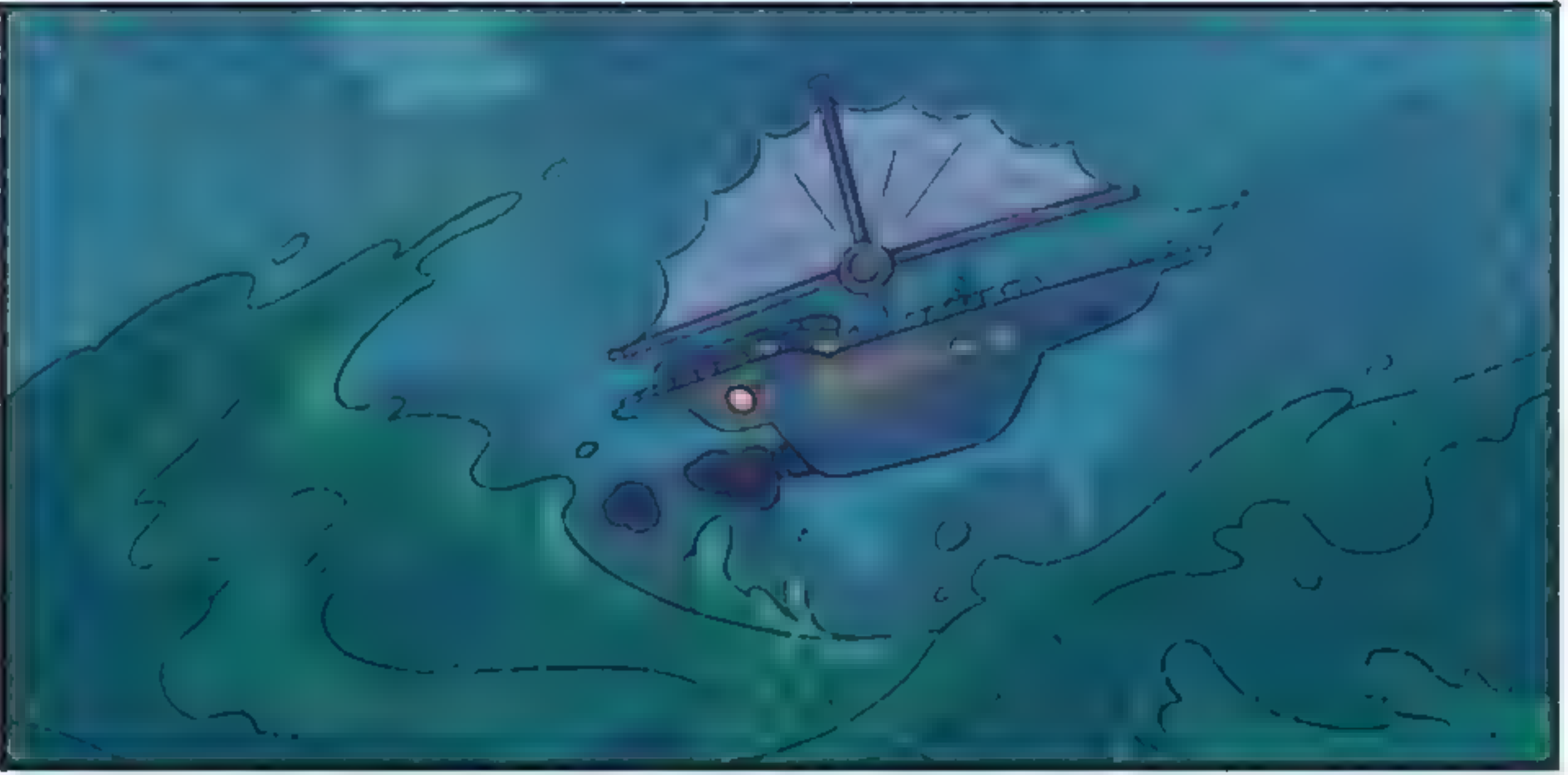
I CAME BACK TO
HELP...YOU,
OONA.

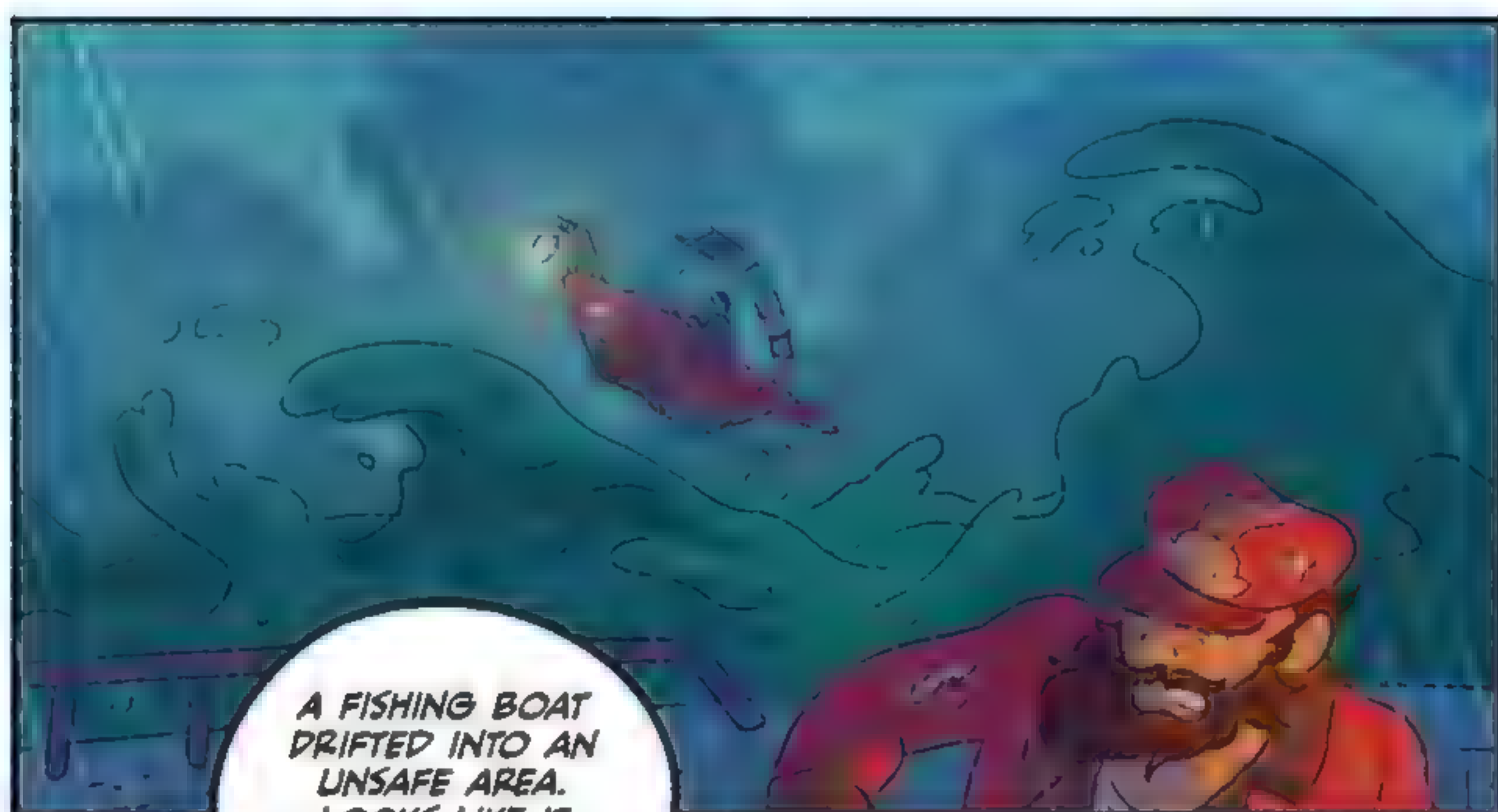


NO ONE ELSE
IS COMING TO
SAVE US. *WE* MUST
DEFEAT THE MIMIC.
IT COULDN'T
STOP US.

IT FEARS *THE*
LIVING FIRE.
IT FEARS *THE*
LIVING SAND?







A FISHING BOAT
DRIFTED INTO AN
UNSAFE AREA.
LOOKS LIKE IT
ANGERED THE
MOSS!!

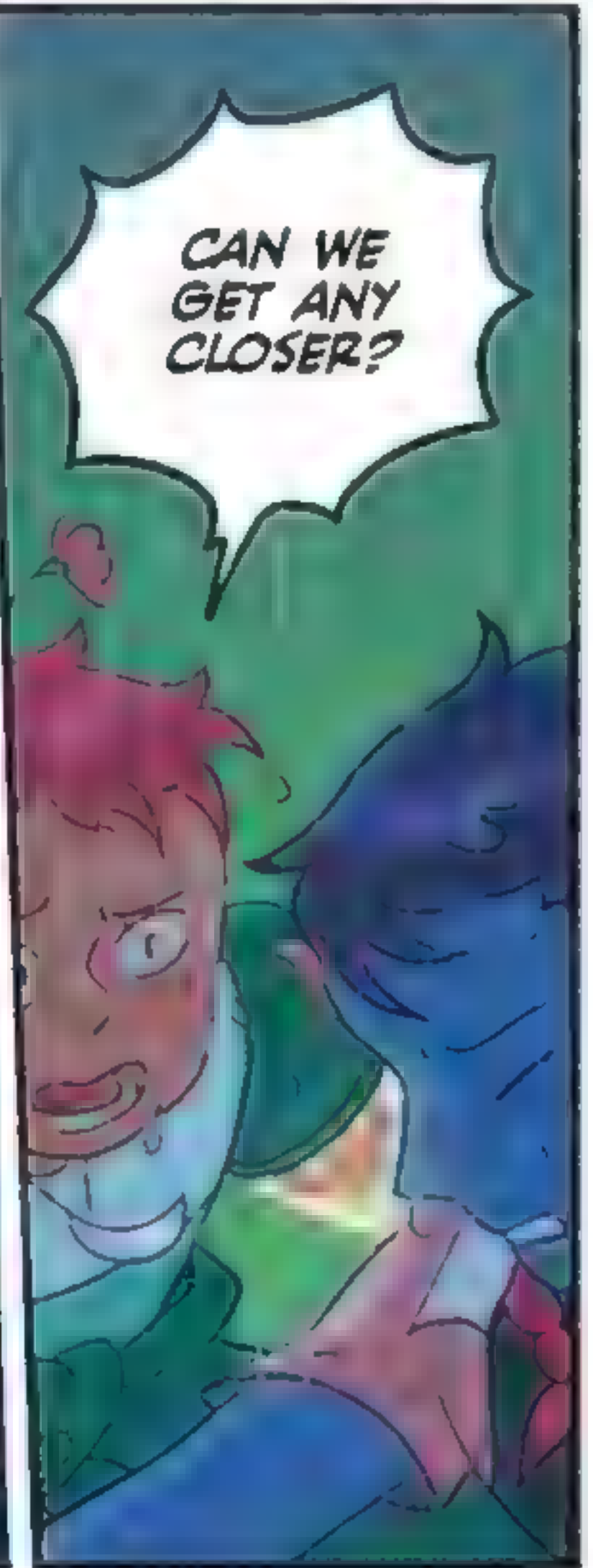
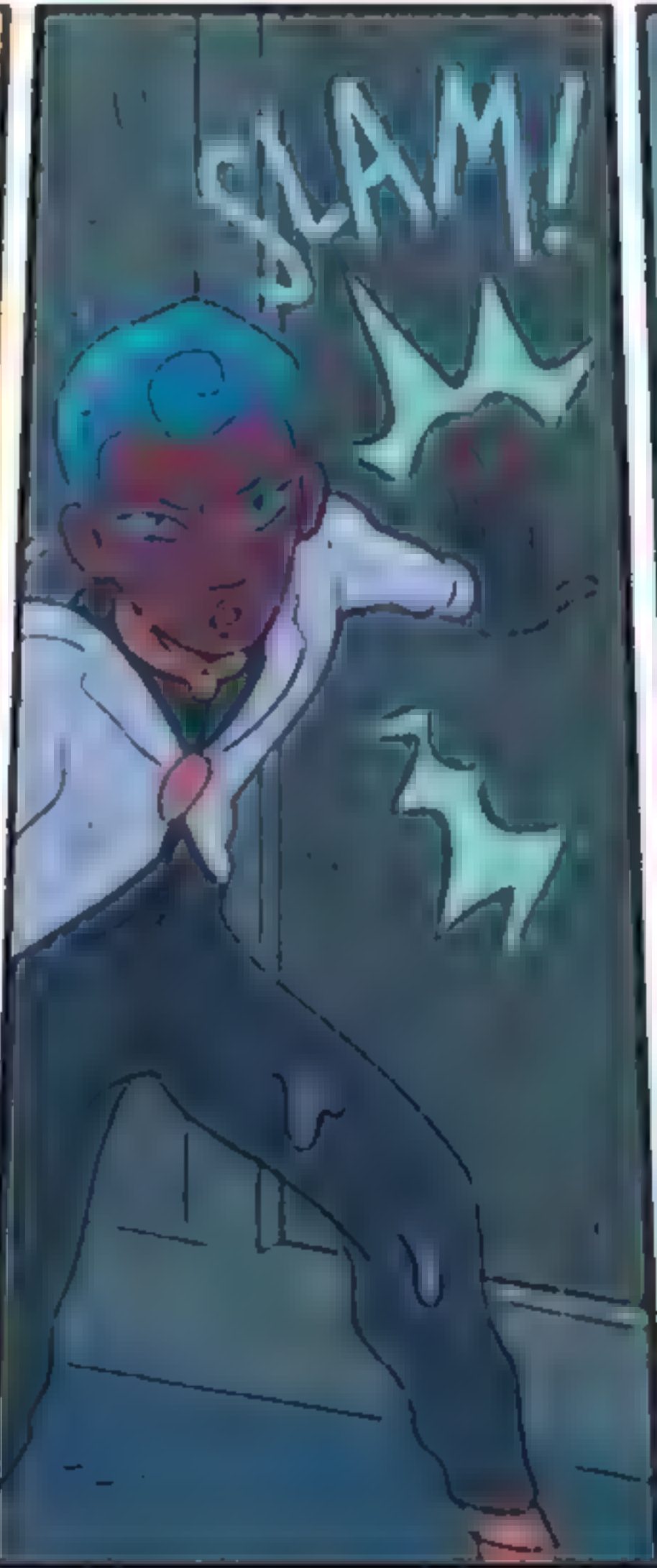
THEY'LL GET TORN
APART!! THERE'S NOTHING
YOU CAN DO! GET
BELOW, I SAY!

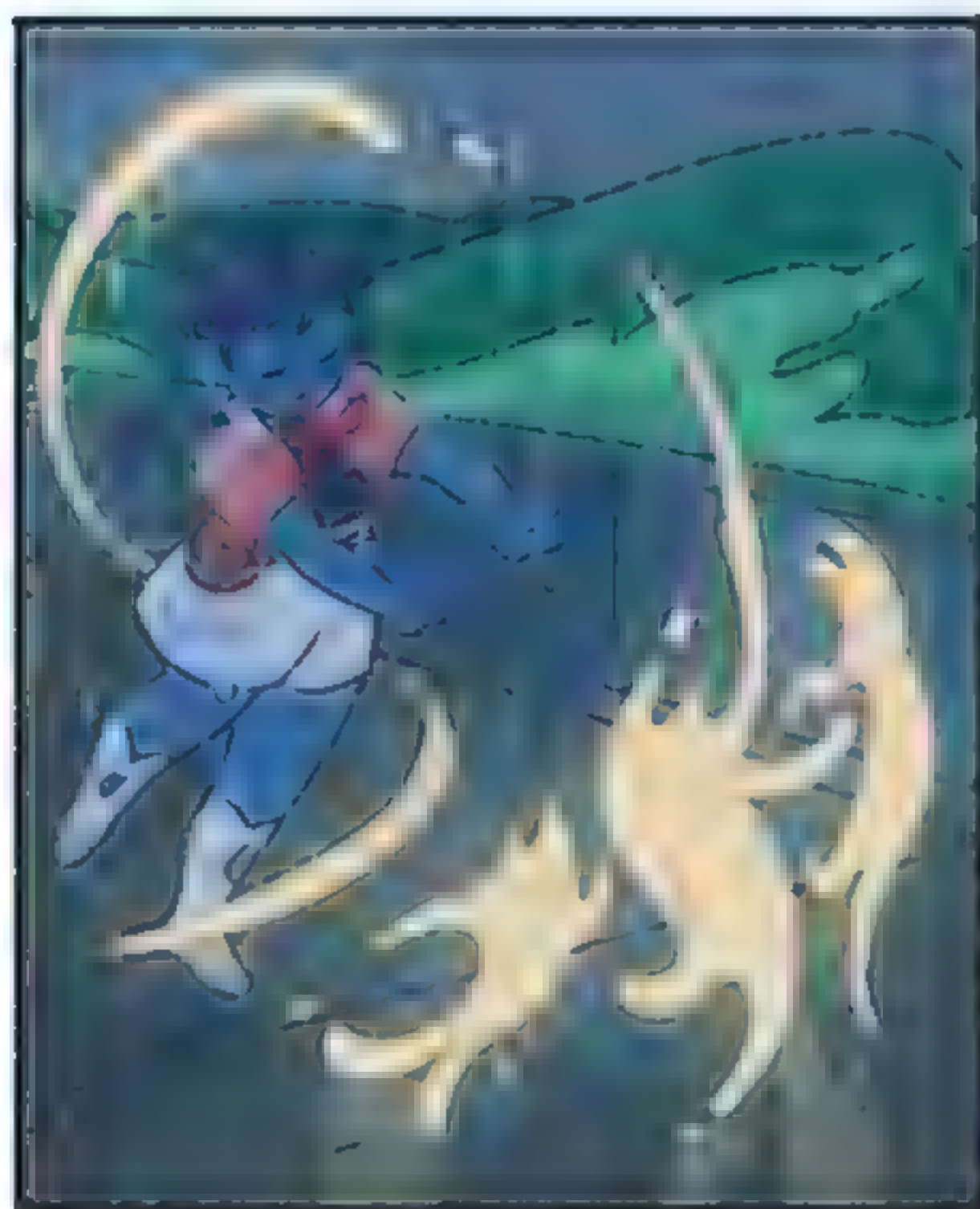
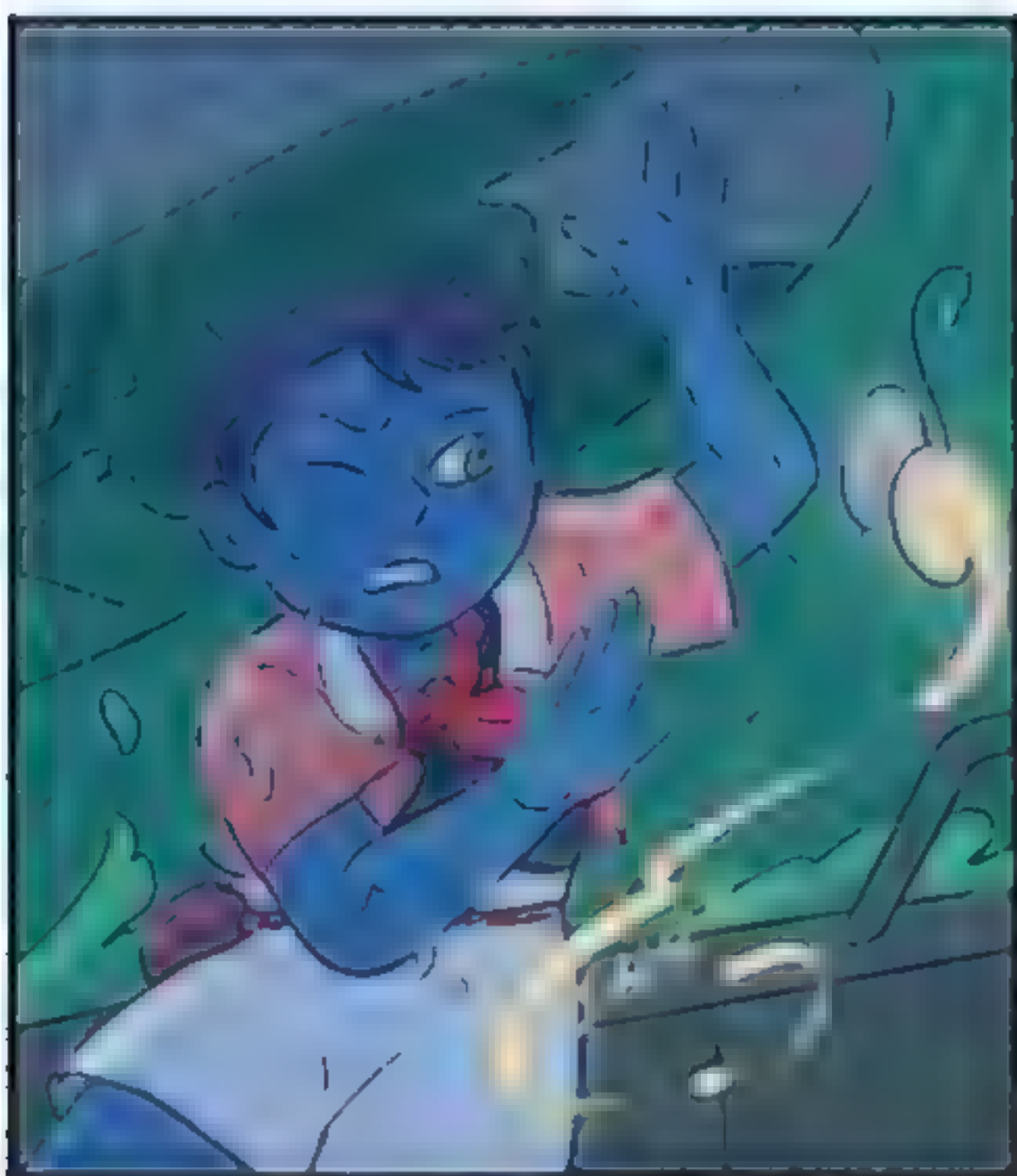


GET US
CLOSER! WE
HAVE TO
RESCUE
THEM!



NO!
THEY'RE LOST!
WE CAN'T RISK
PROVOKING
THE MOSS LIKE
THEY DID!





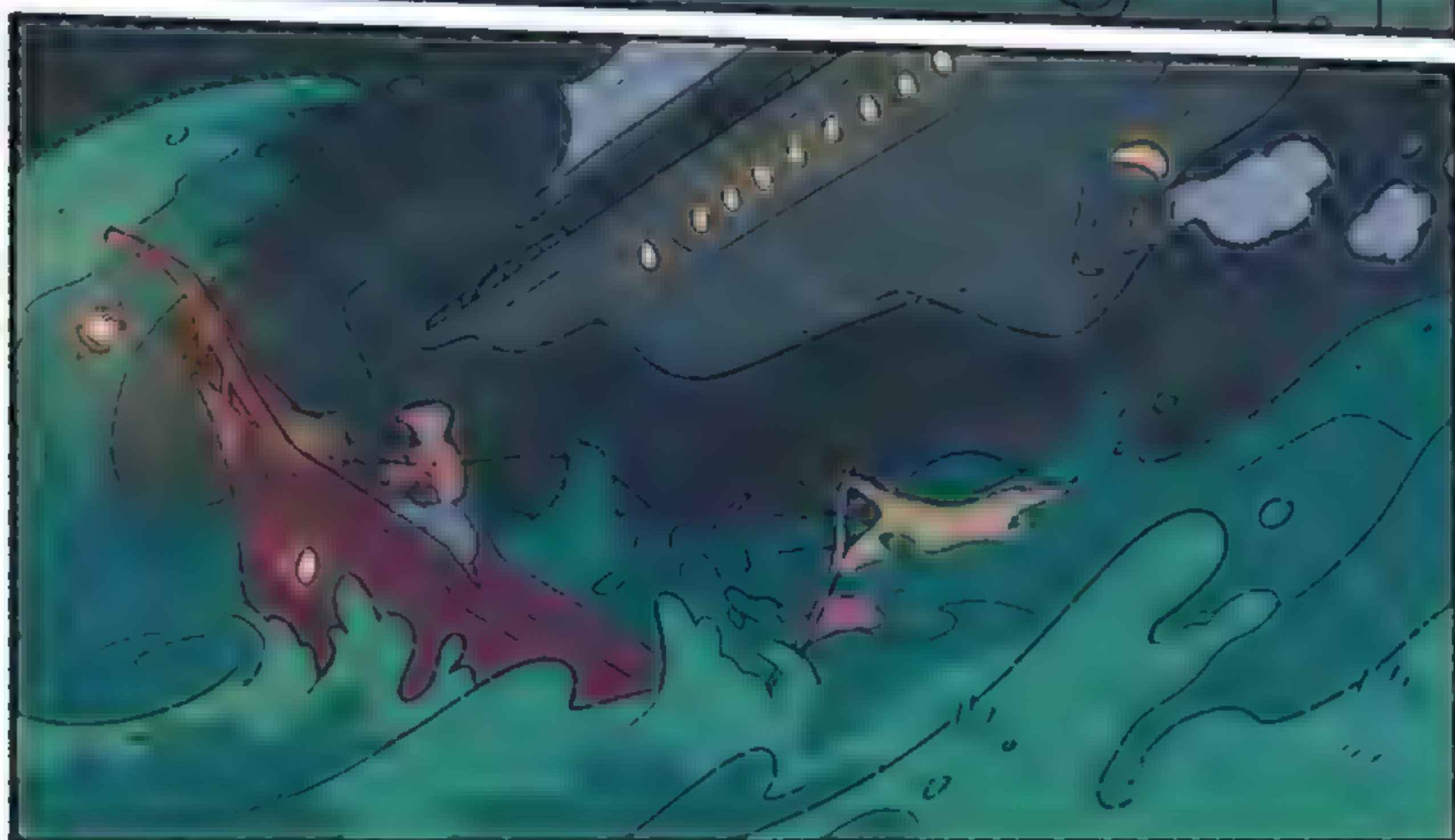
PONG!

YOU
TOURISTS DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE DOING!!

YOU'LL
GET US ALL
KILLED!!

BANG

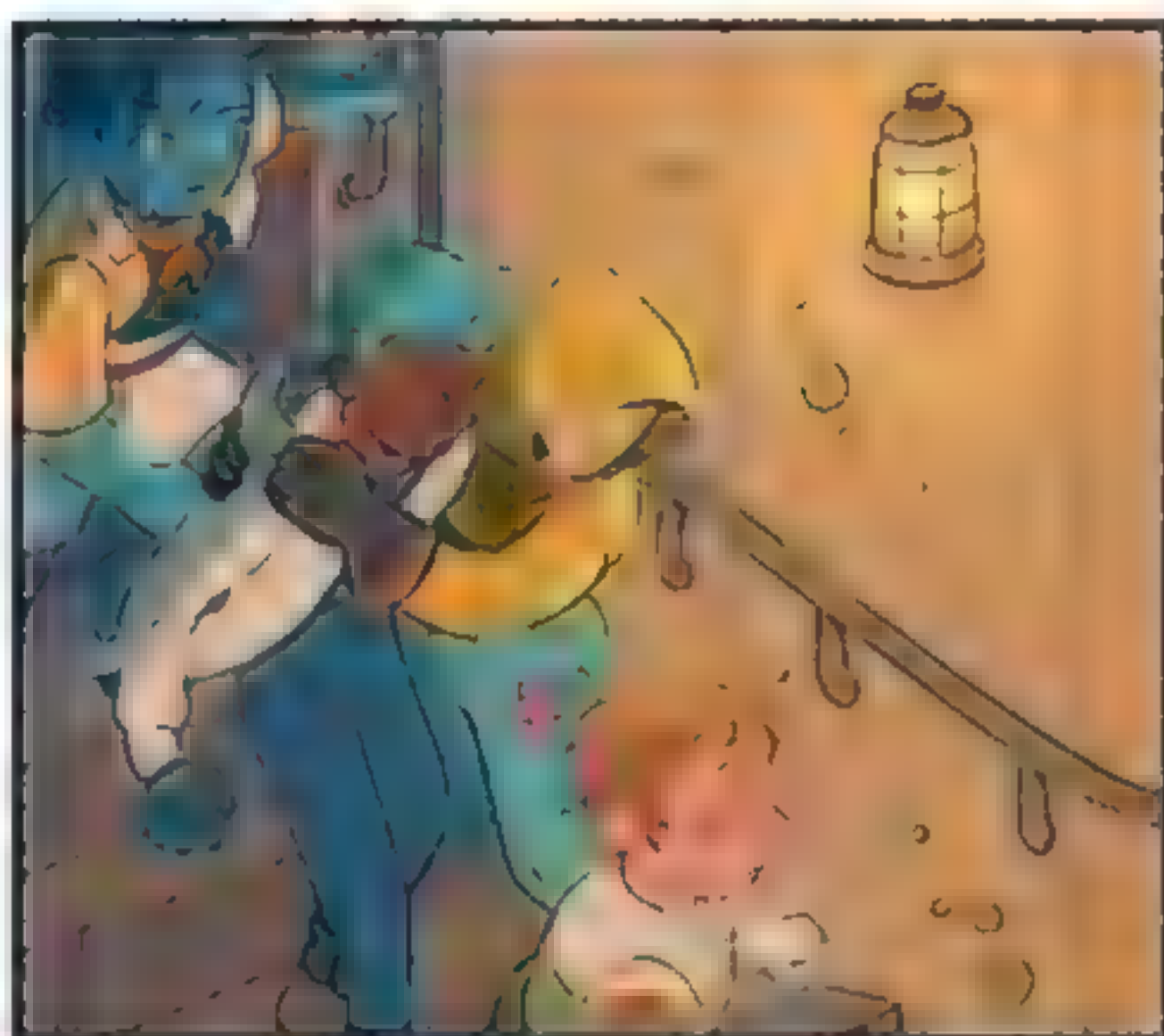
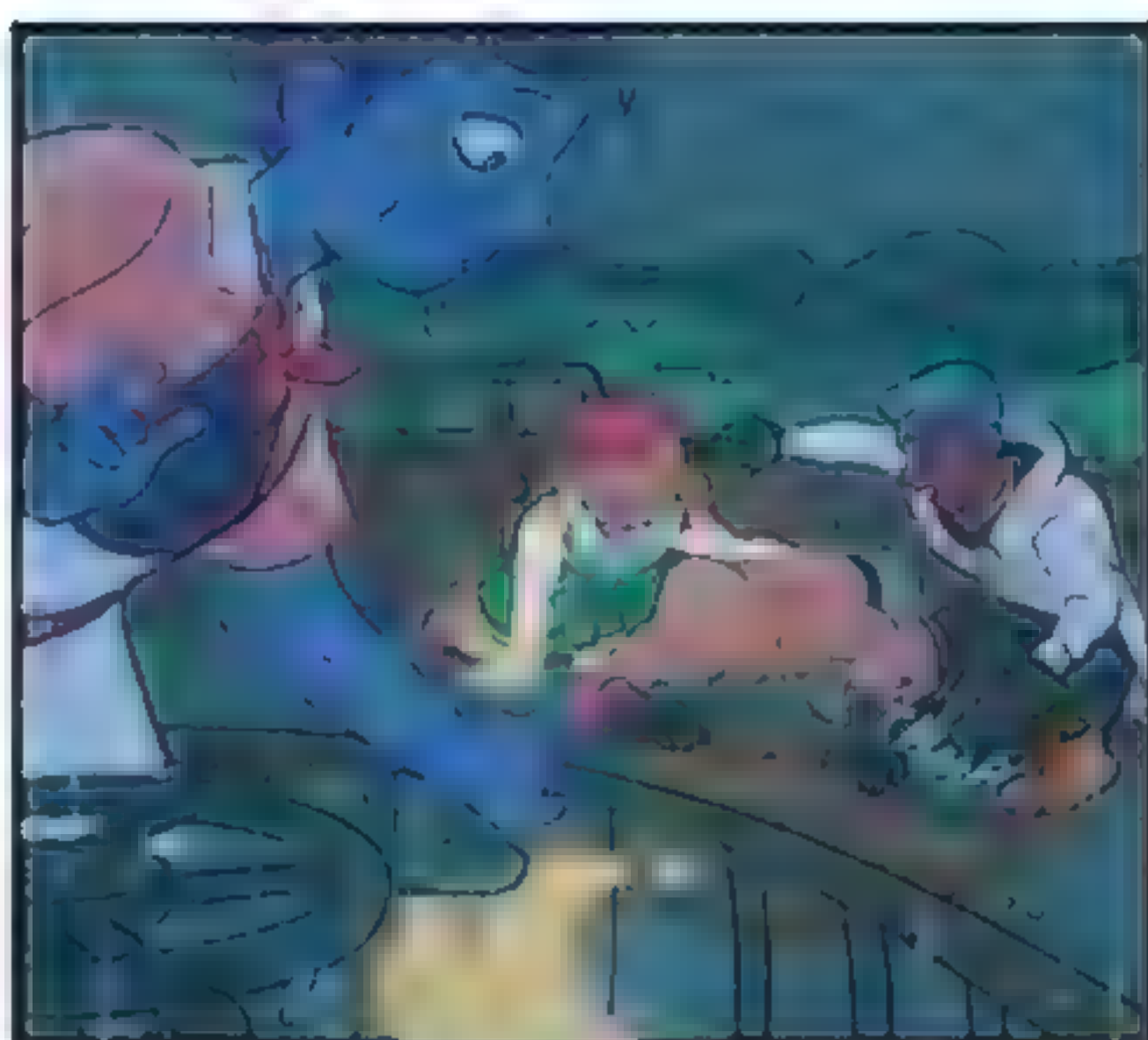
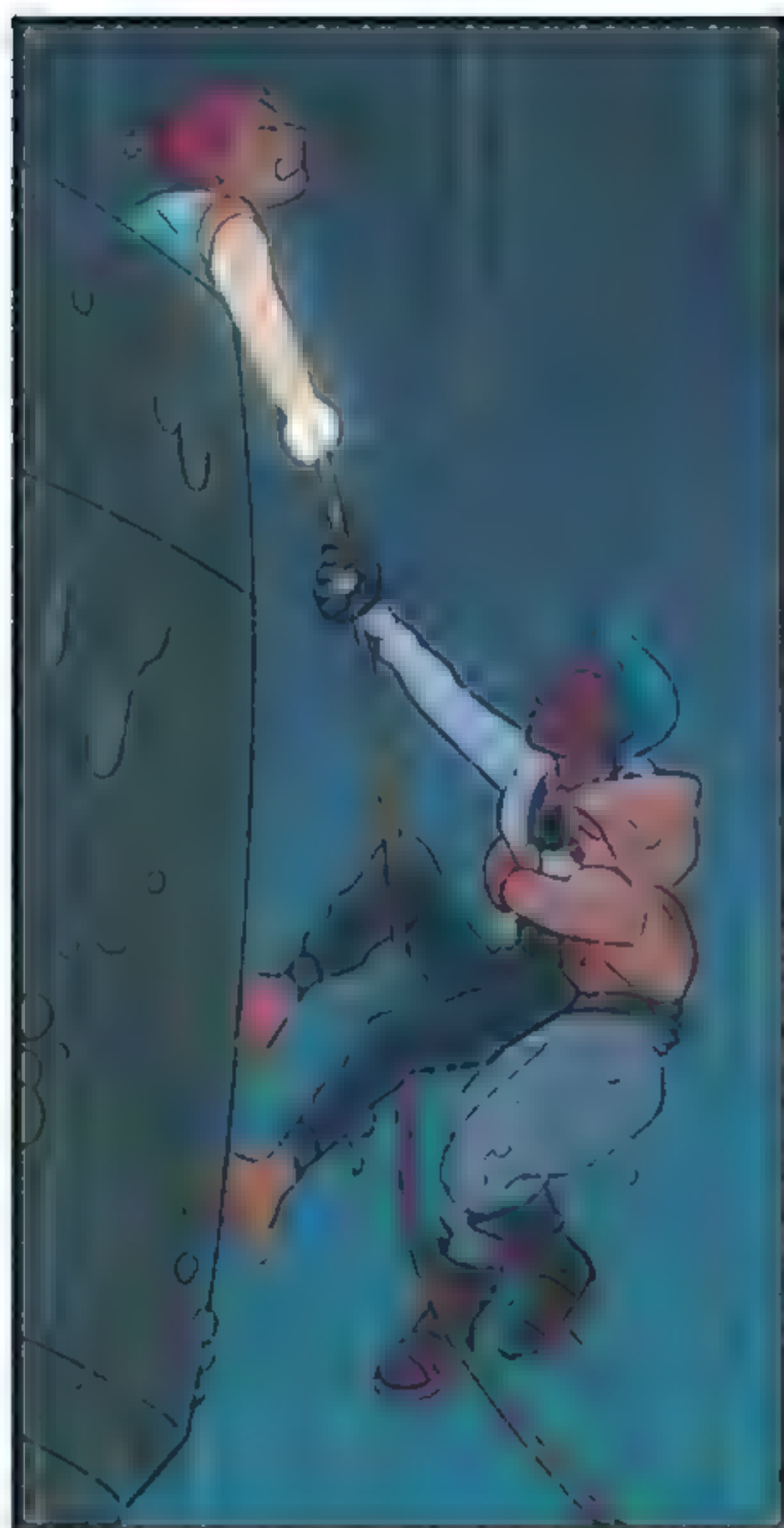
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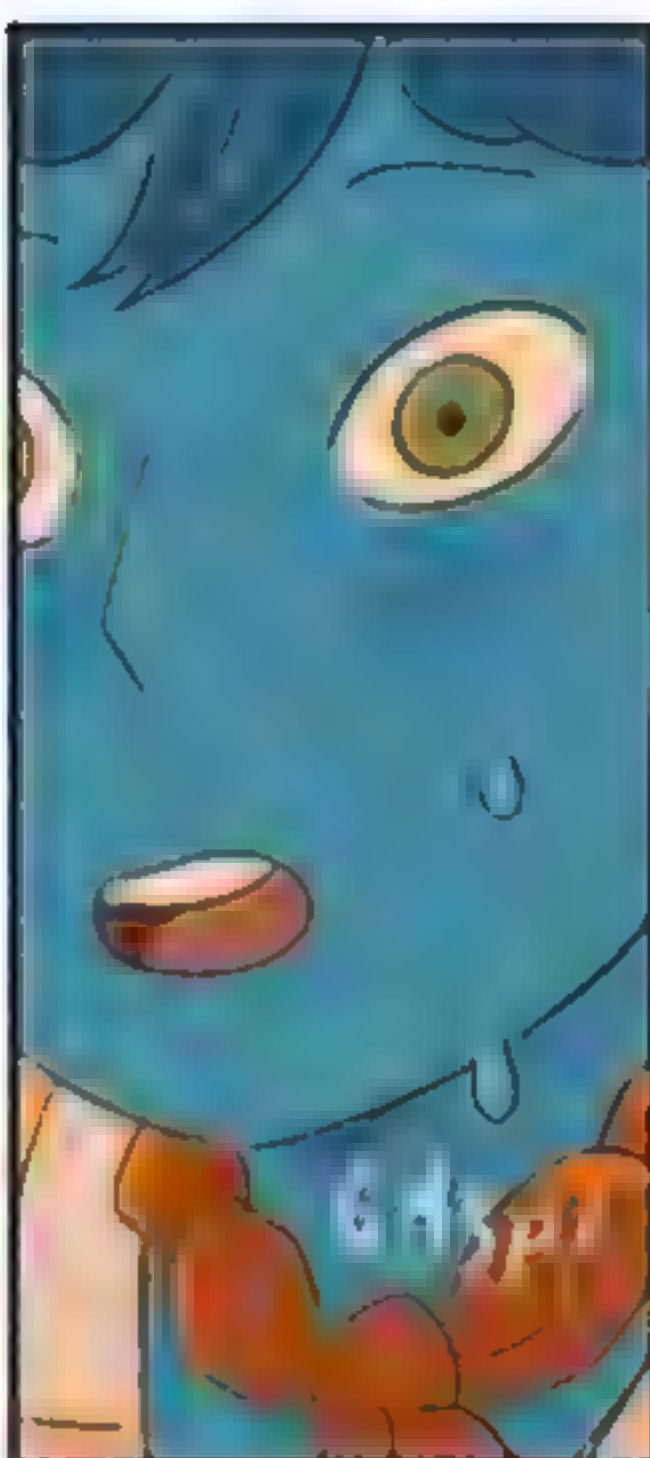


KEEP
CLOSE! I'VE
GOT THIS!

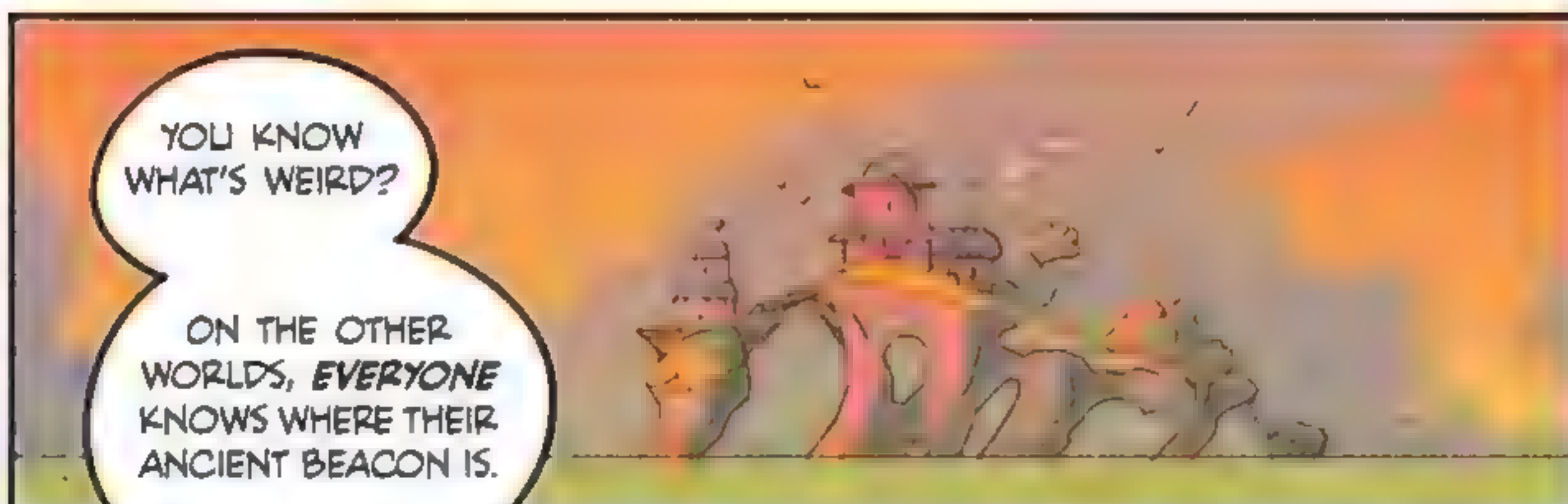






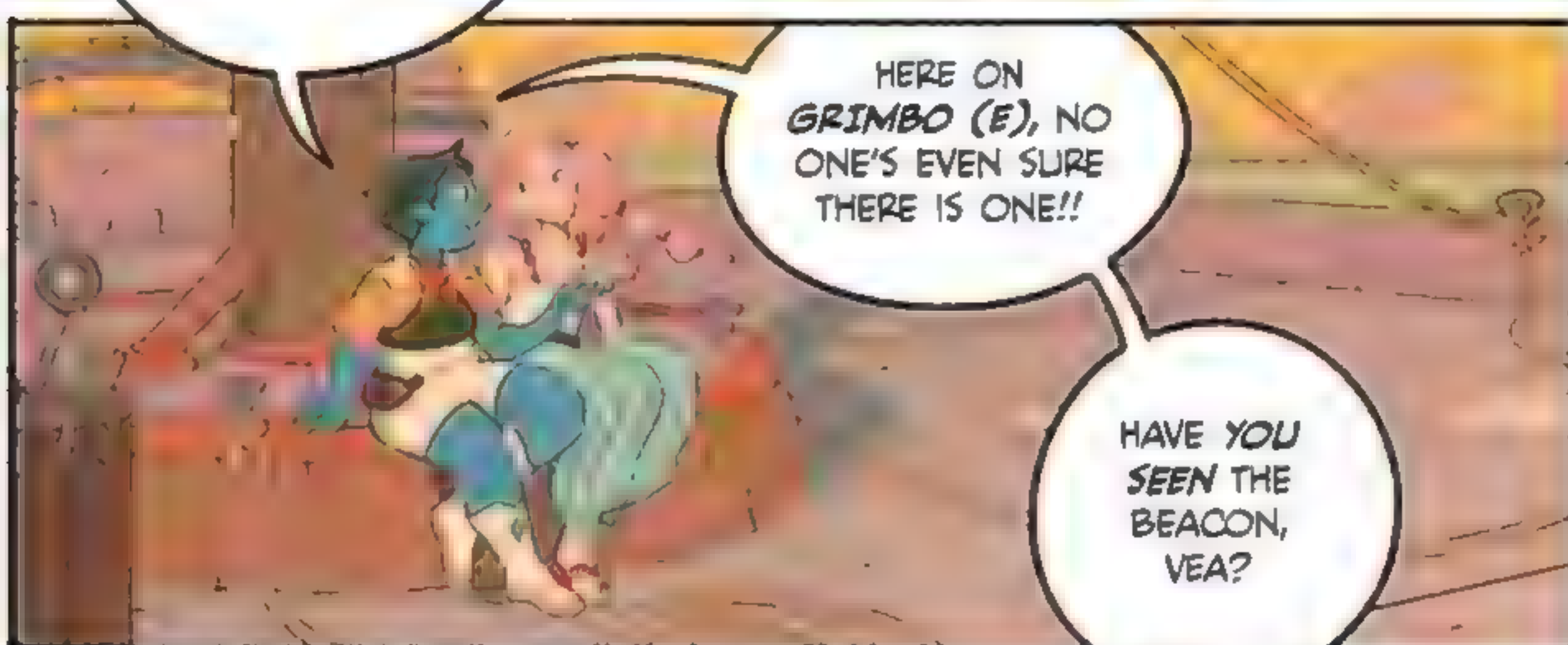






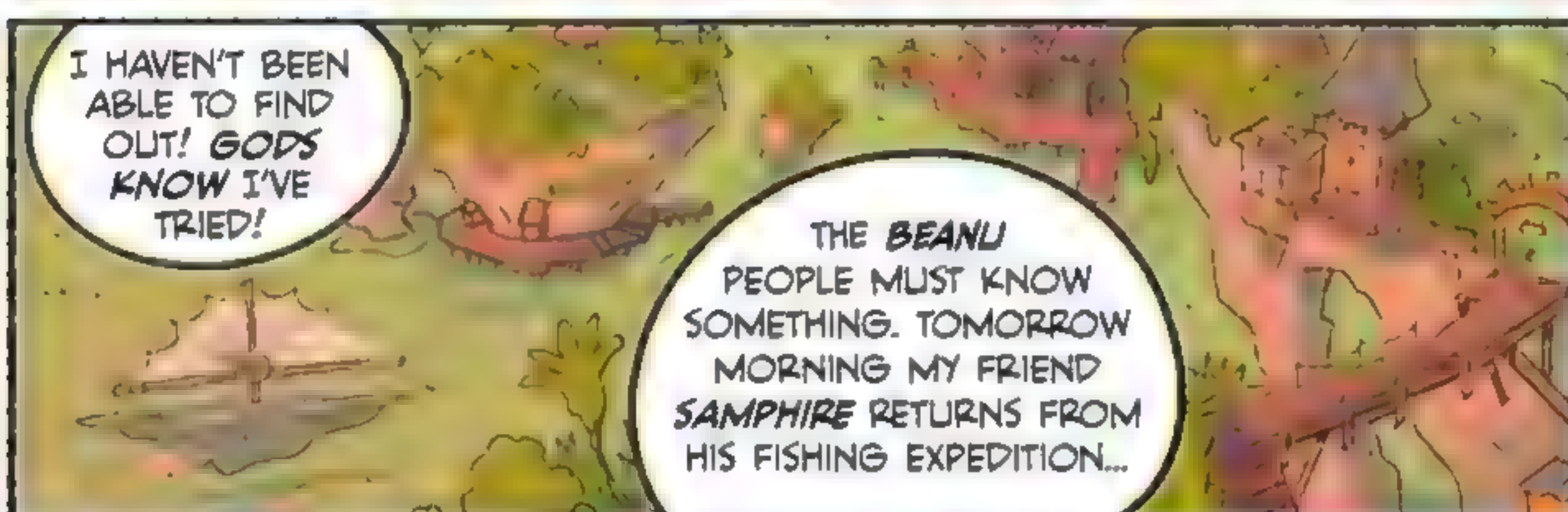
YOU KNOW
WHAT'S WEIRD?

ON THE OTHER
WORLDS, **EVERYONE**
KNOWS WHERE THEIR
ANCIENT BEACON IS.



HERE ON
GRIMBO (E), NO
ONE'S EVEN SURE
THERE IS ONE!!

HAVE YOU
SEEN THE
BEACON,
VEA?



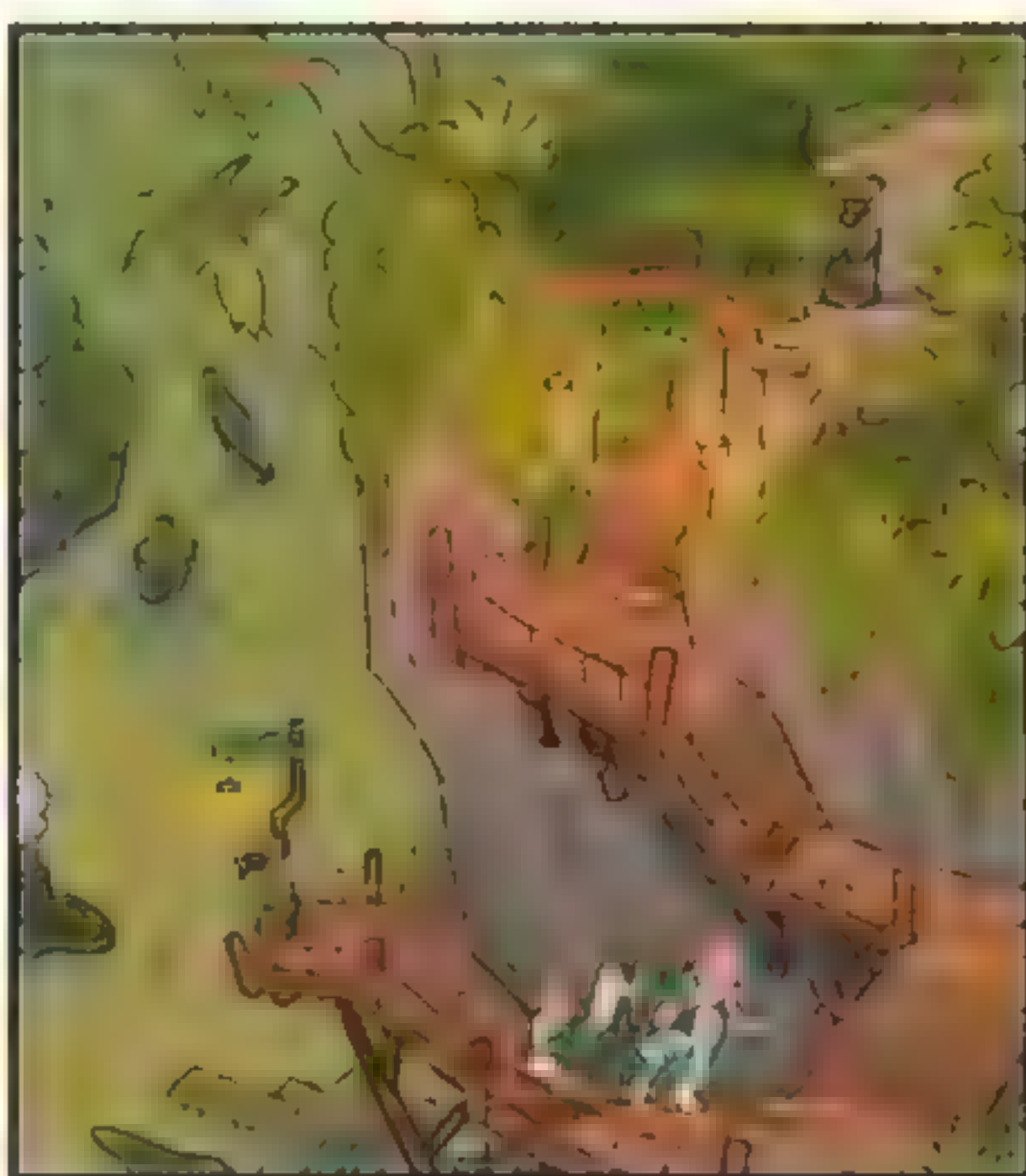
I HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO FIND
OUT! **GODS**
KNOW I'VE
TRIED!

THE **BEANU**
PEOPLE MUST KNOW
SOMETHING. TOMORROW
MORNING MY FRIEND
SAMPHIRE RETURNS FROM
HIS FISHING EXPEDITION...



HE'S **SORT**
OF A FRIEND.

HE MIGHT BE
WILLING TO SAY
MORE TO THE
LIGHTER OF
BEACONS THAN
HE HAS TO ME.

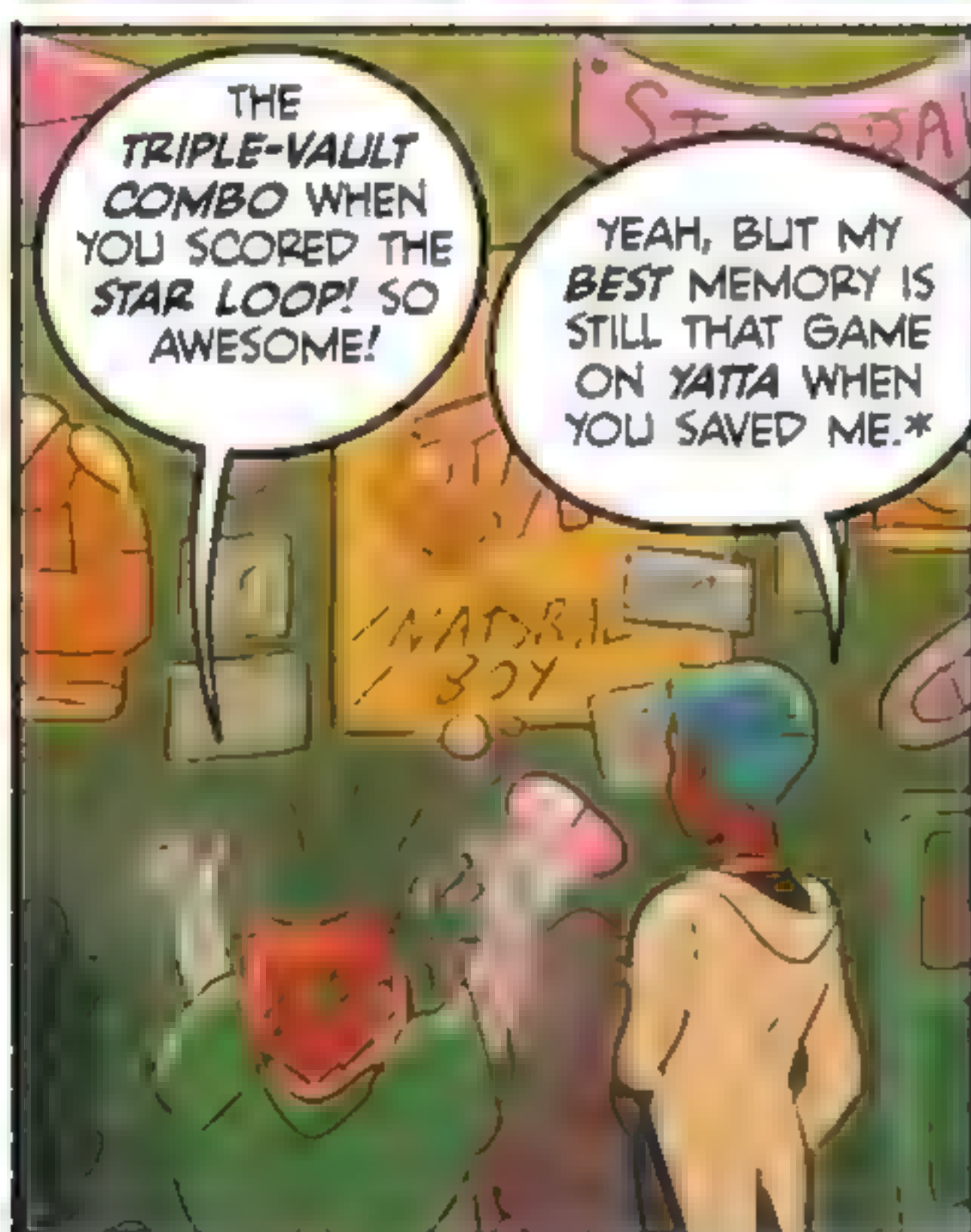
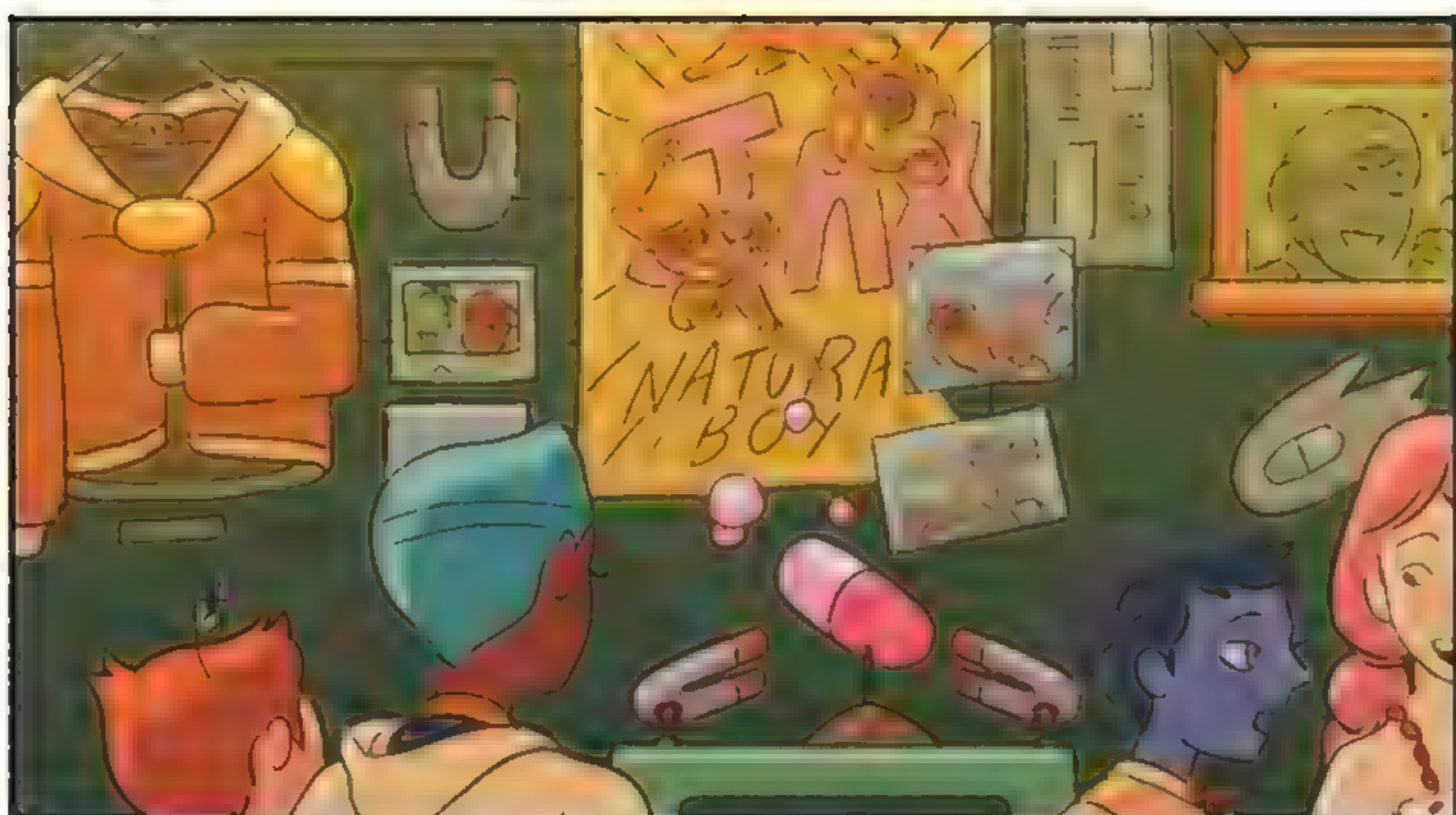




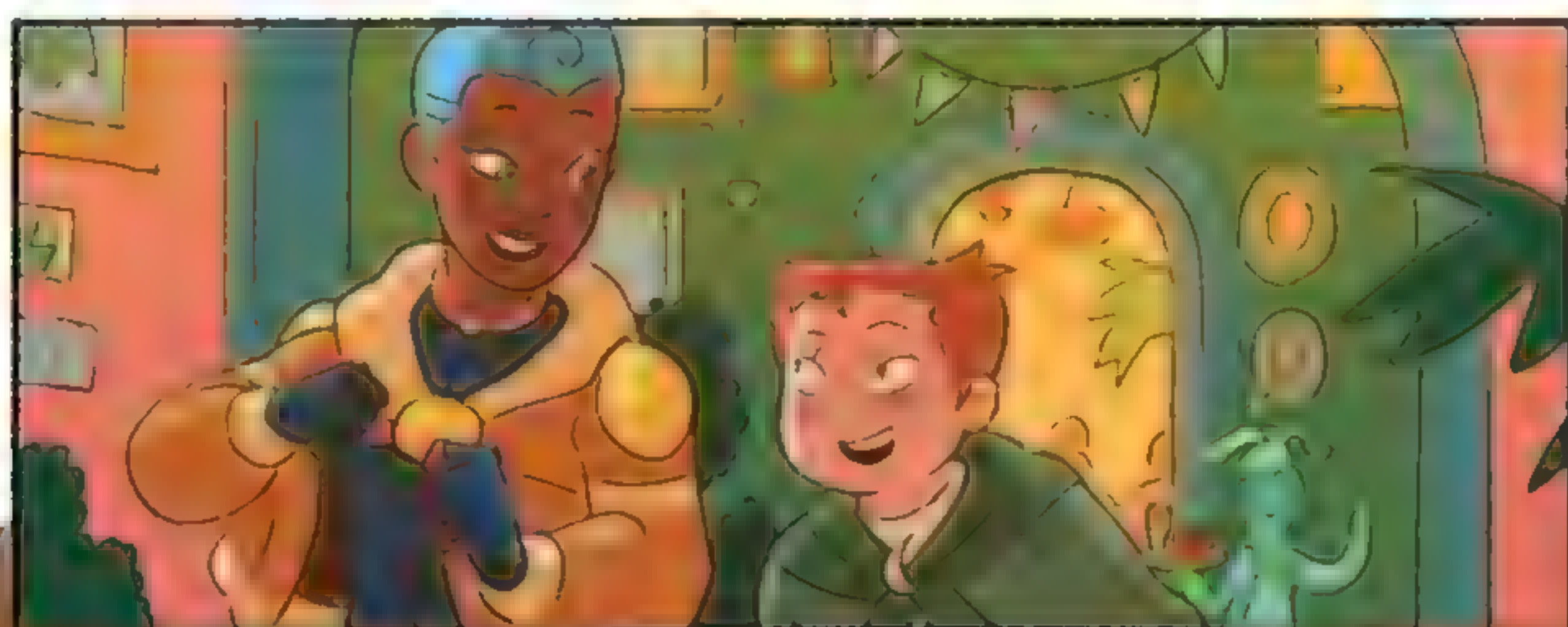
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THE STRANGEST SAND



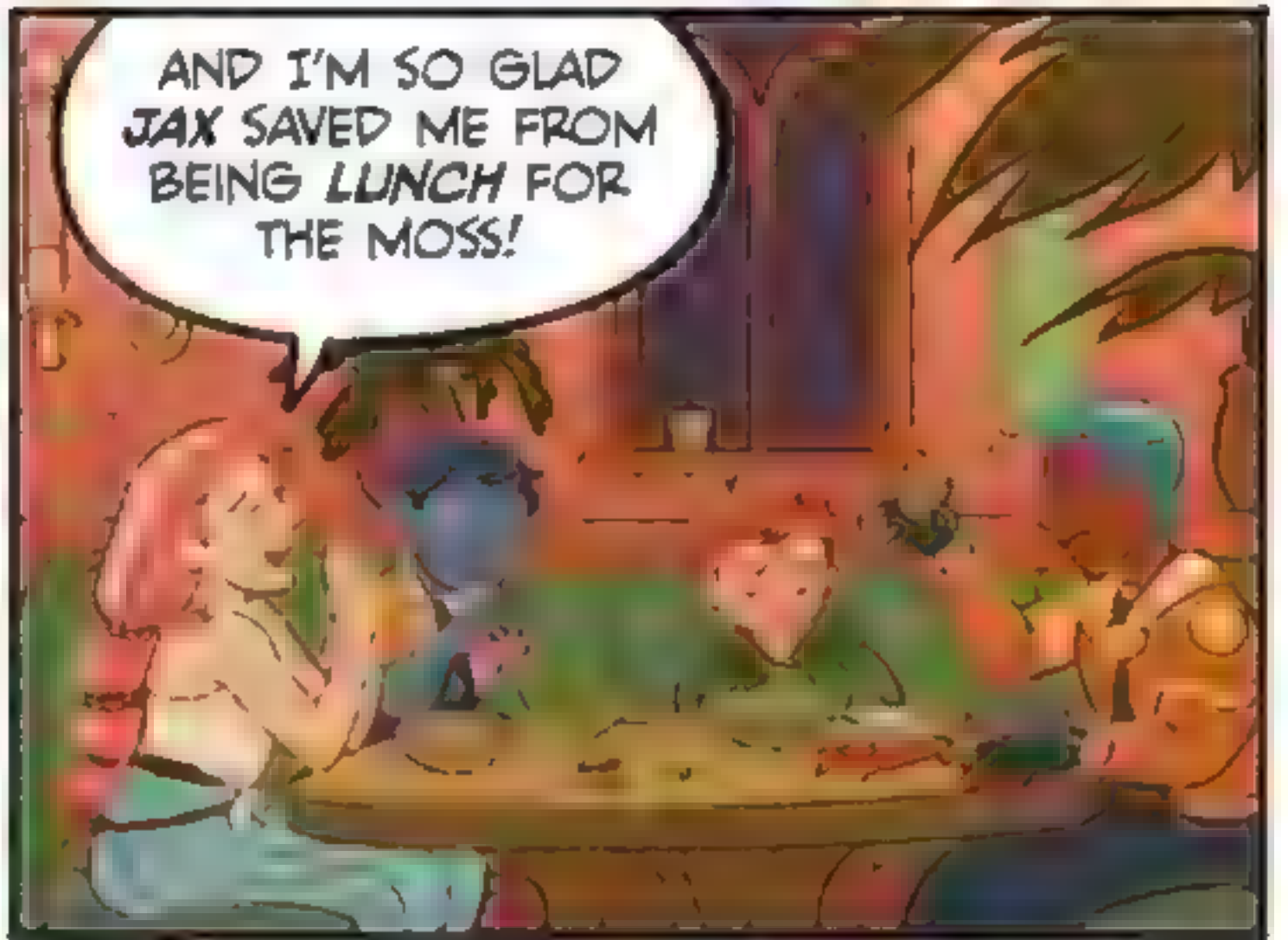


* SEE 5W3: THE RED MAZE





* SEE 5W2: **THE COBALT PRINCE**



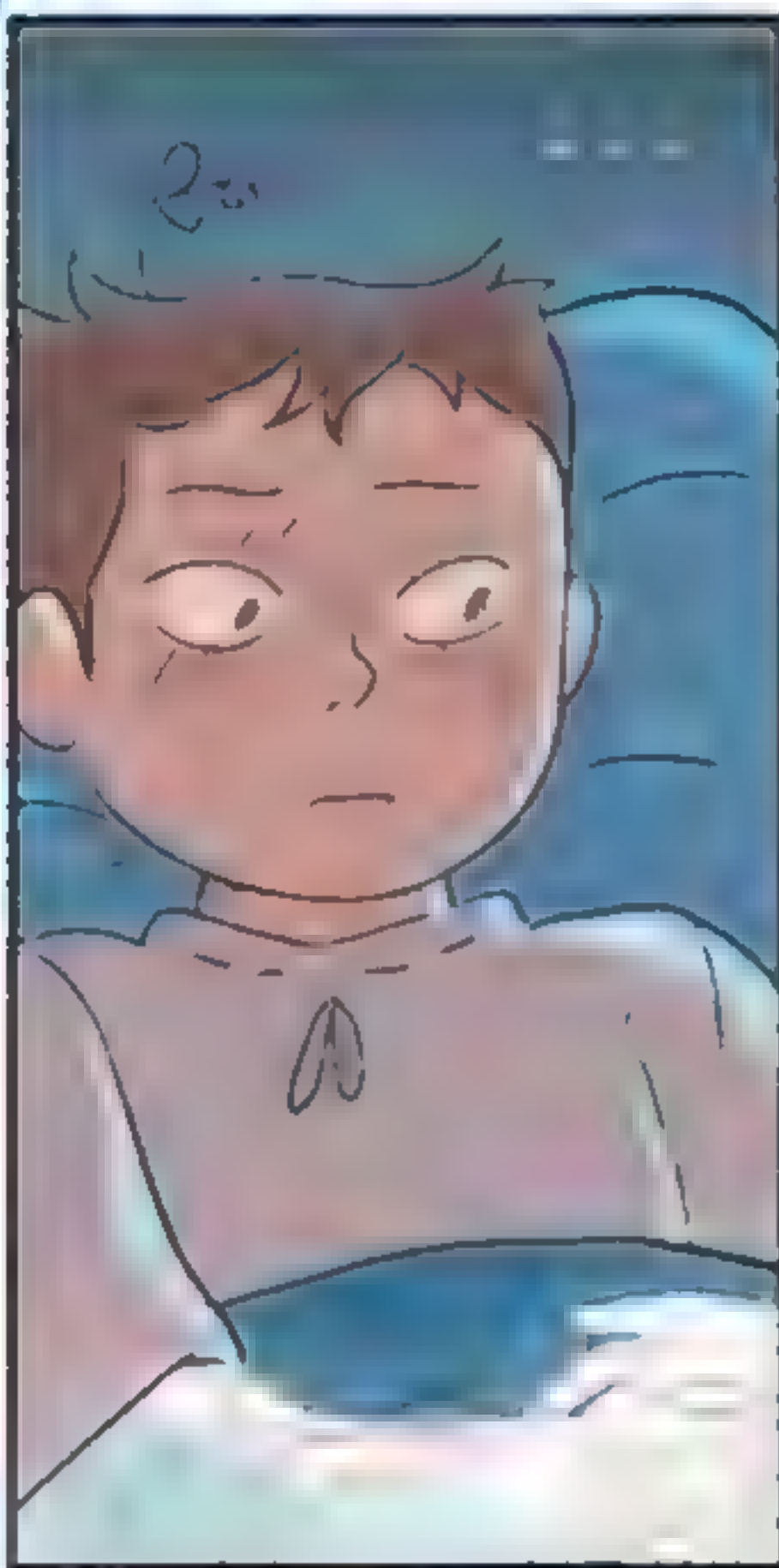


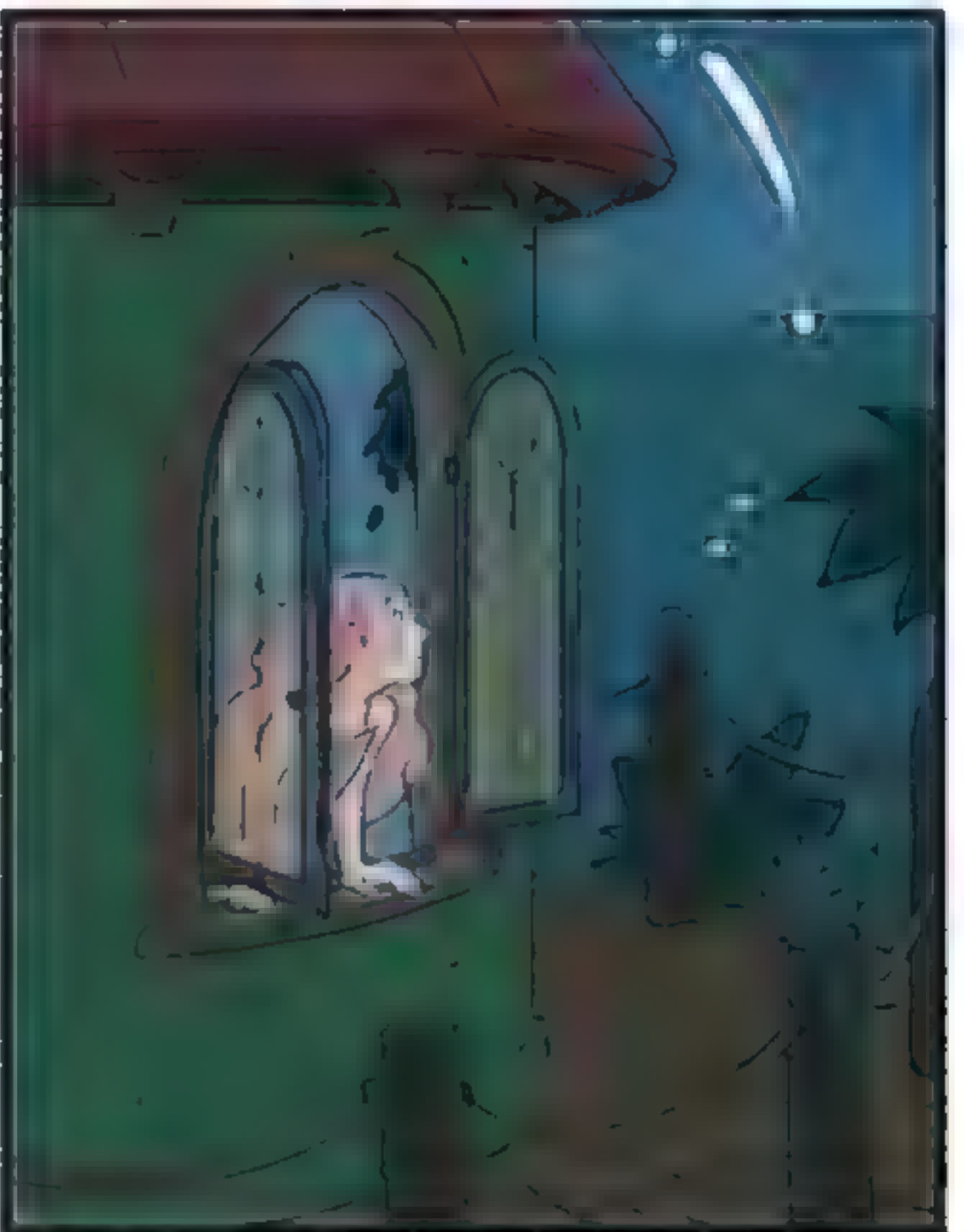
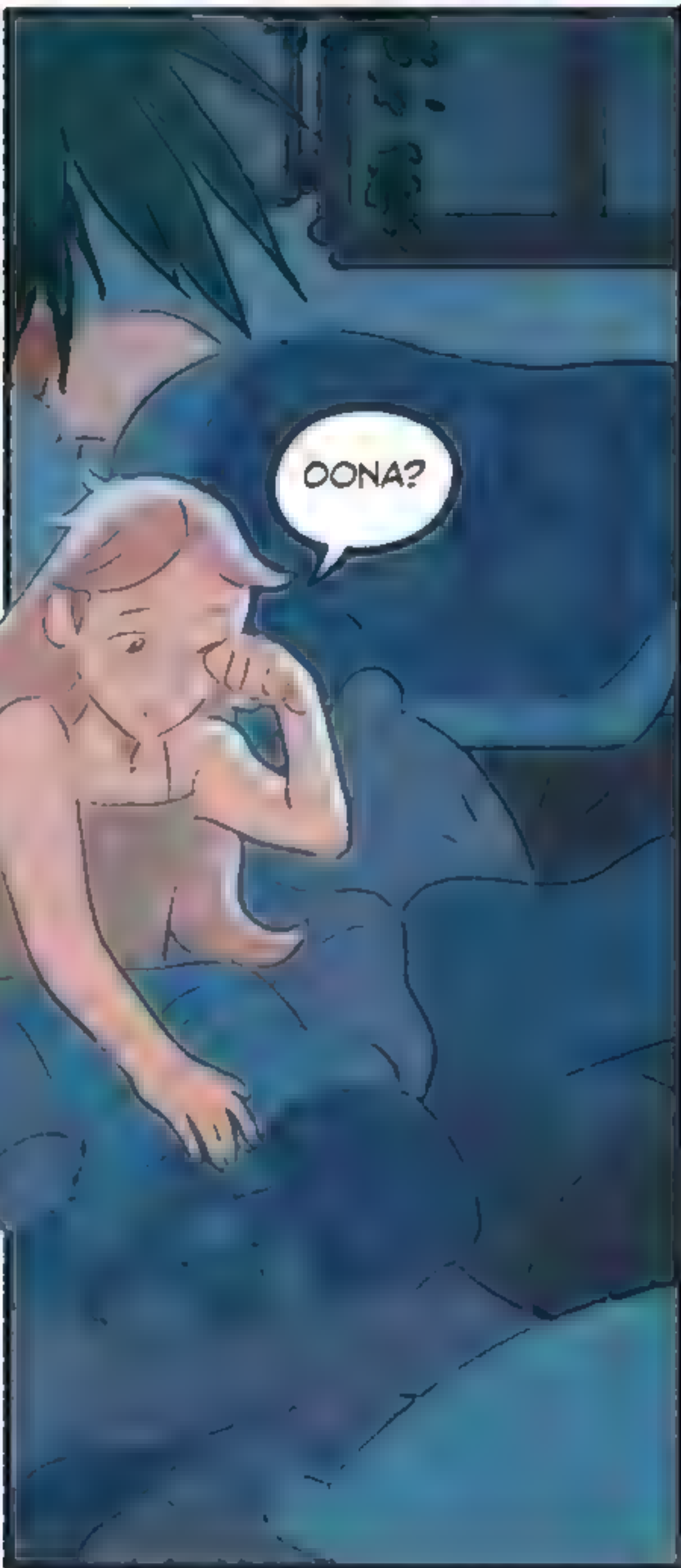
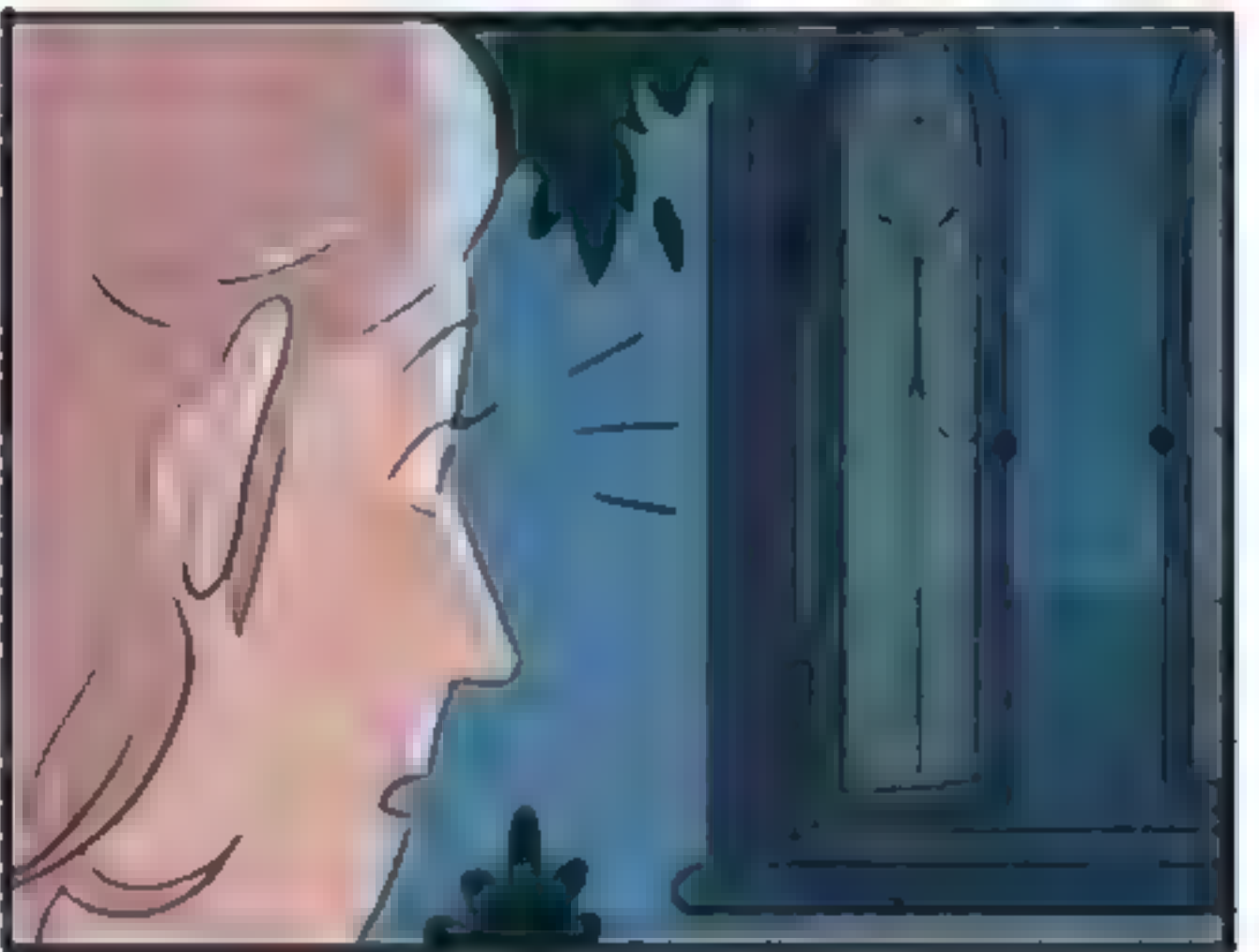
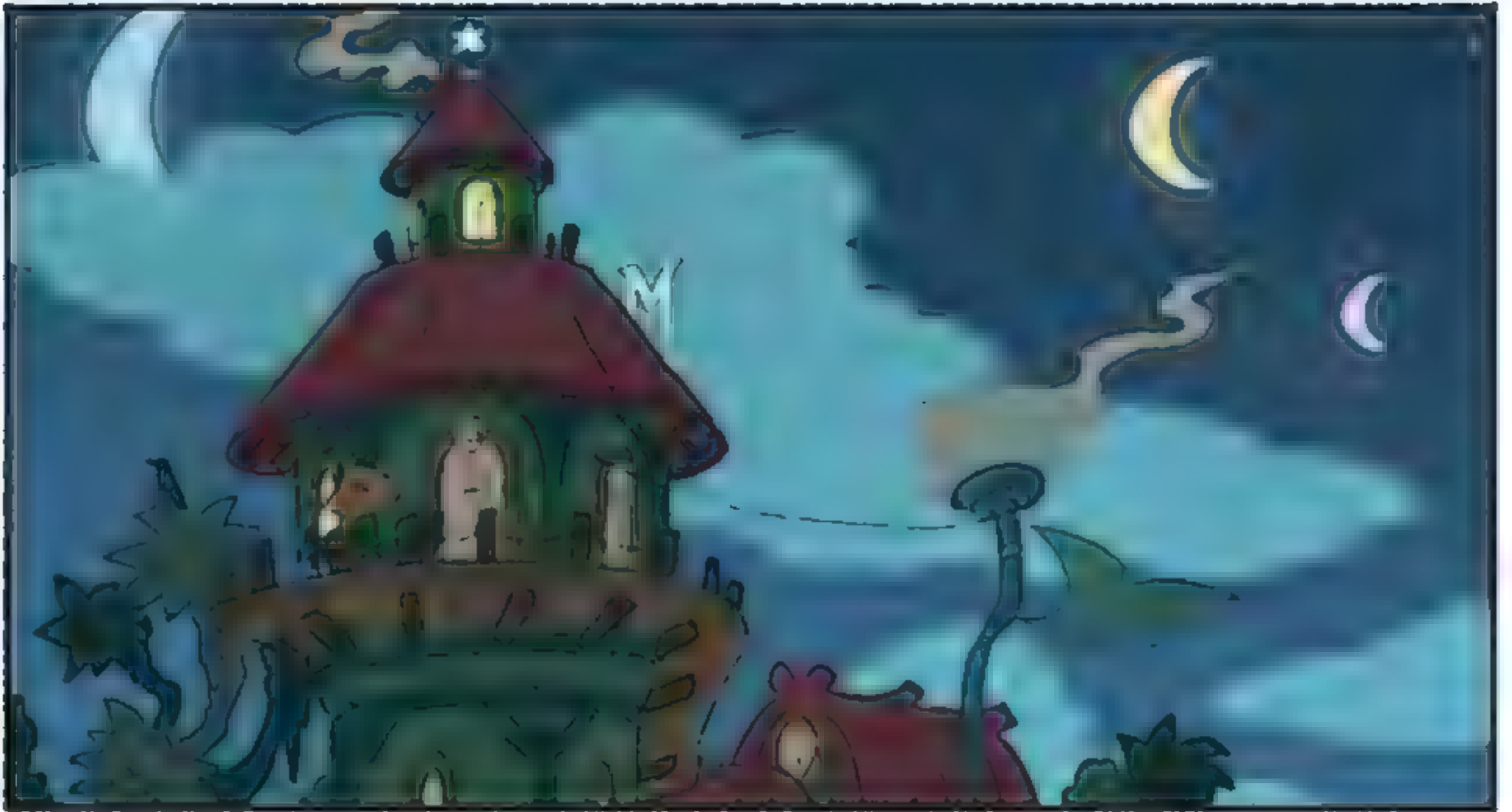
CAN'T SLEEP,
AN TZU?

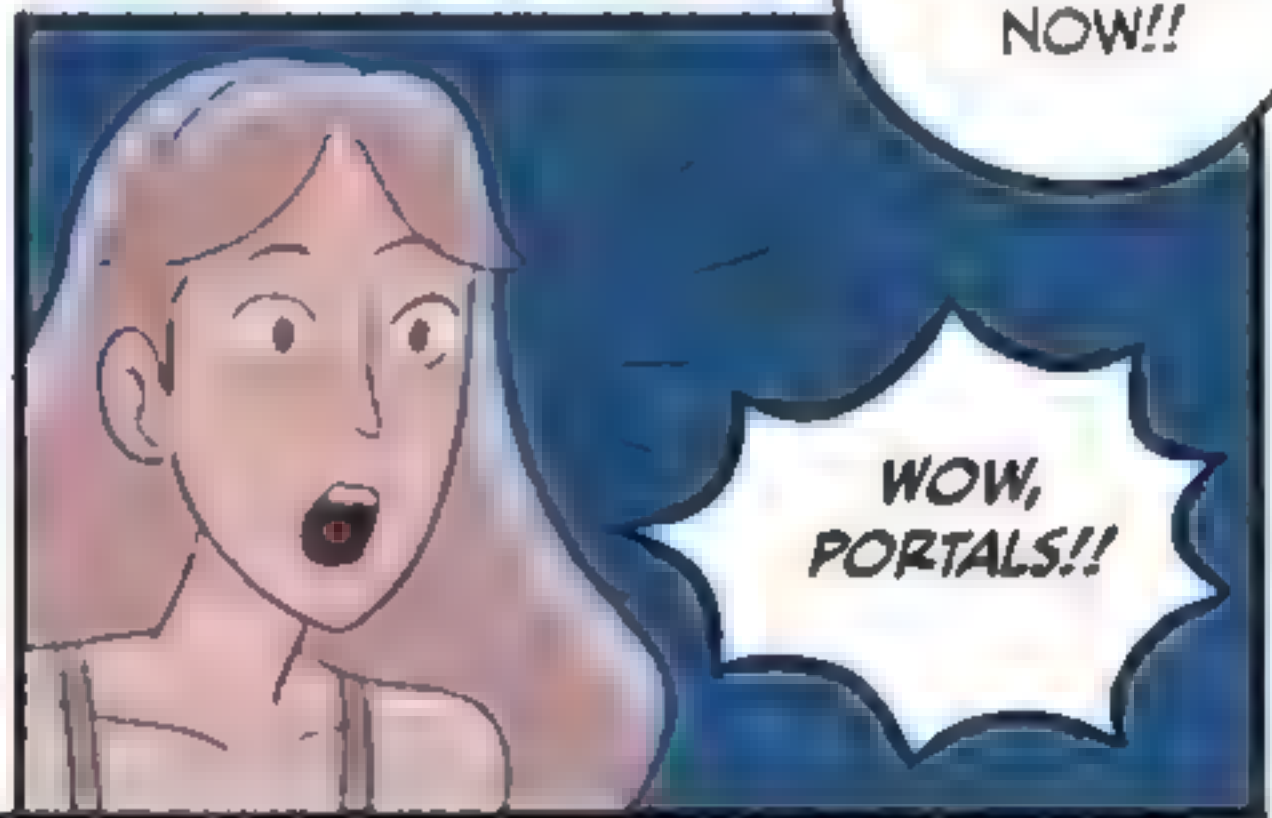
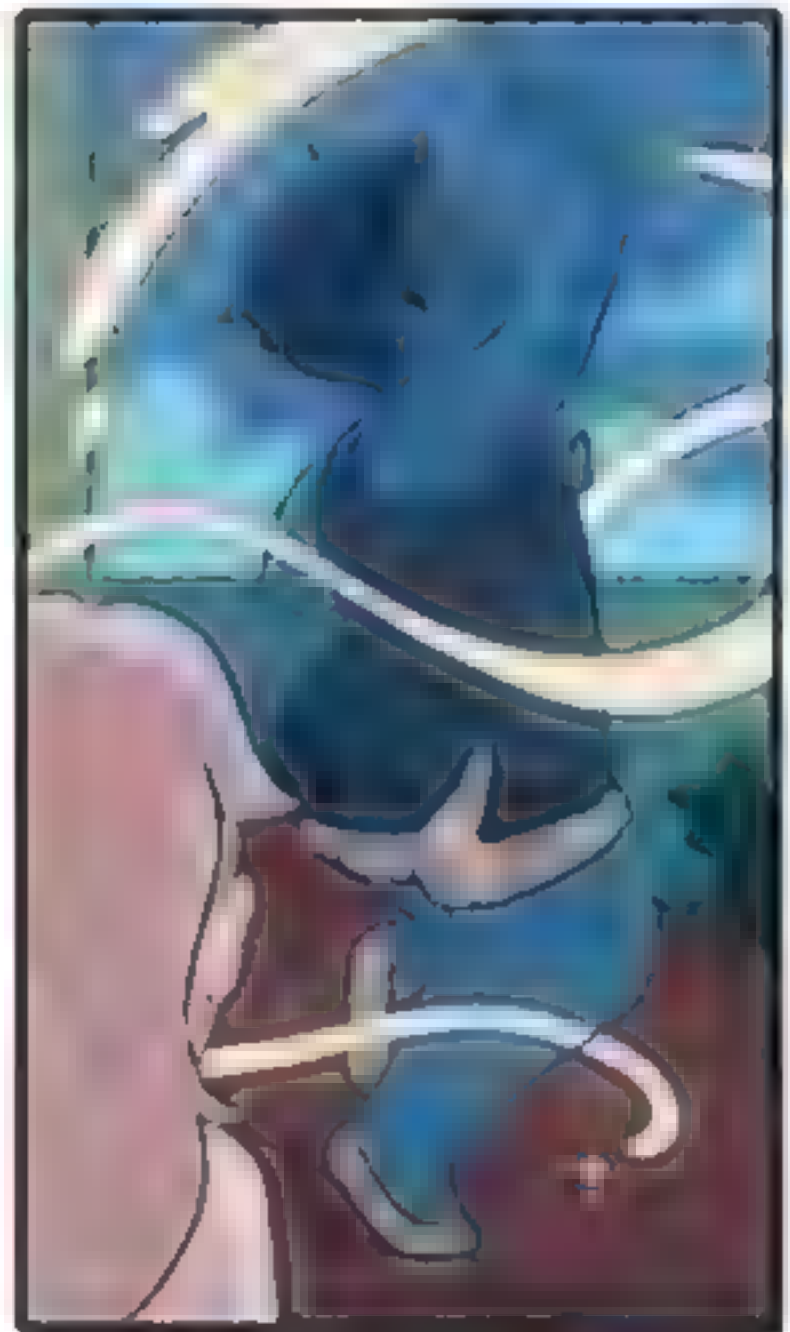
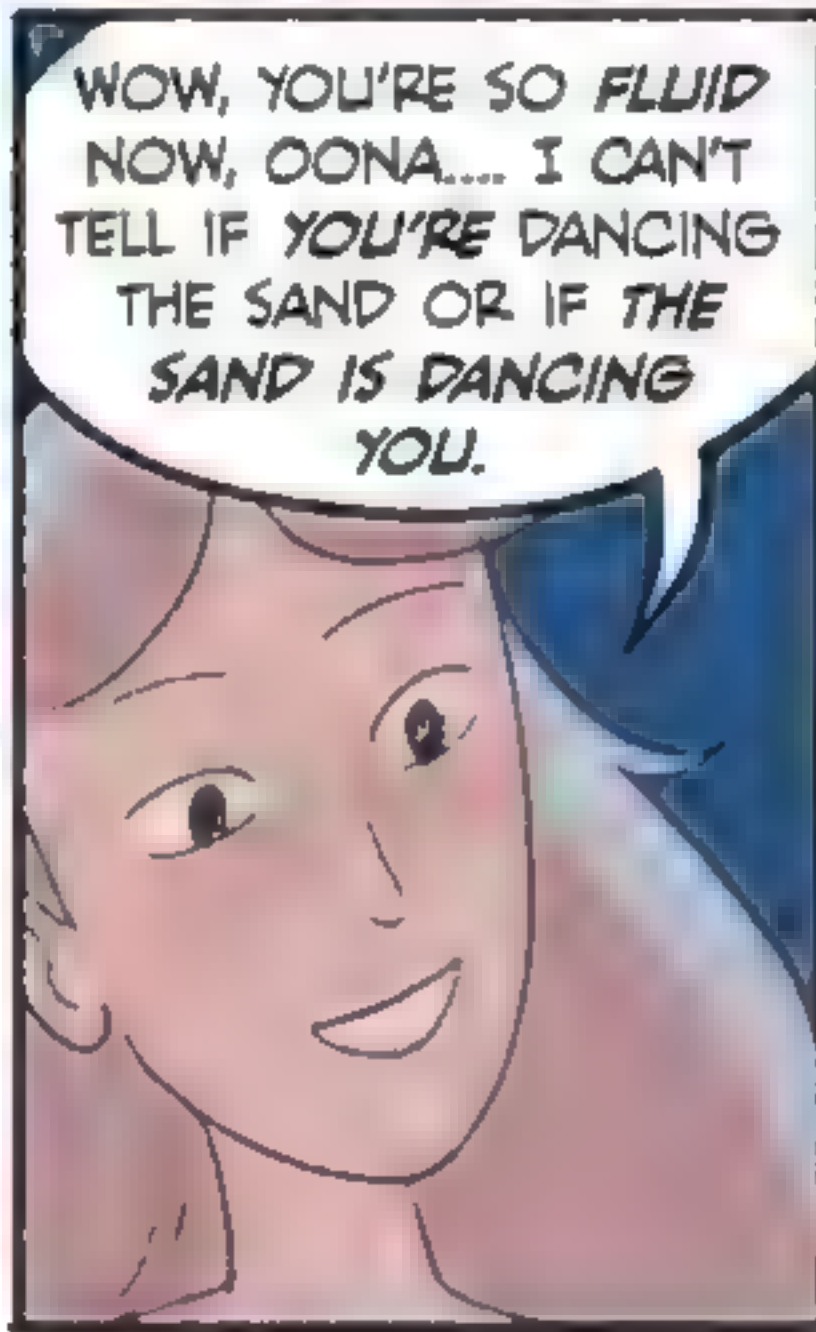
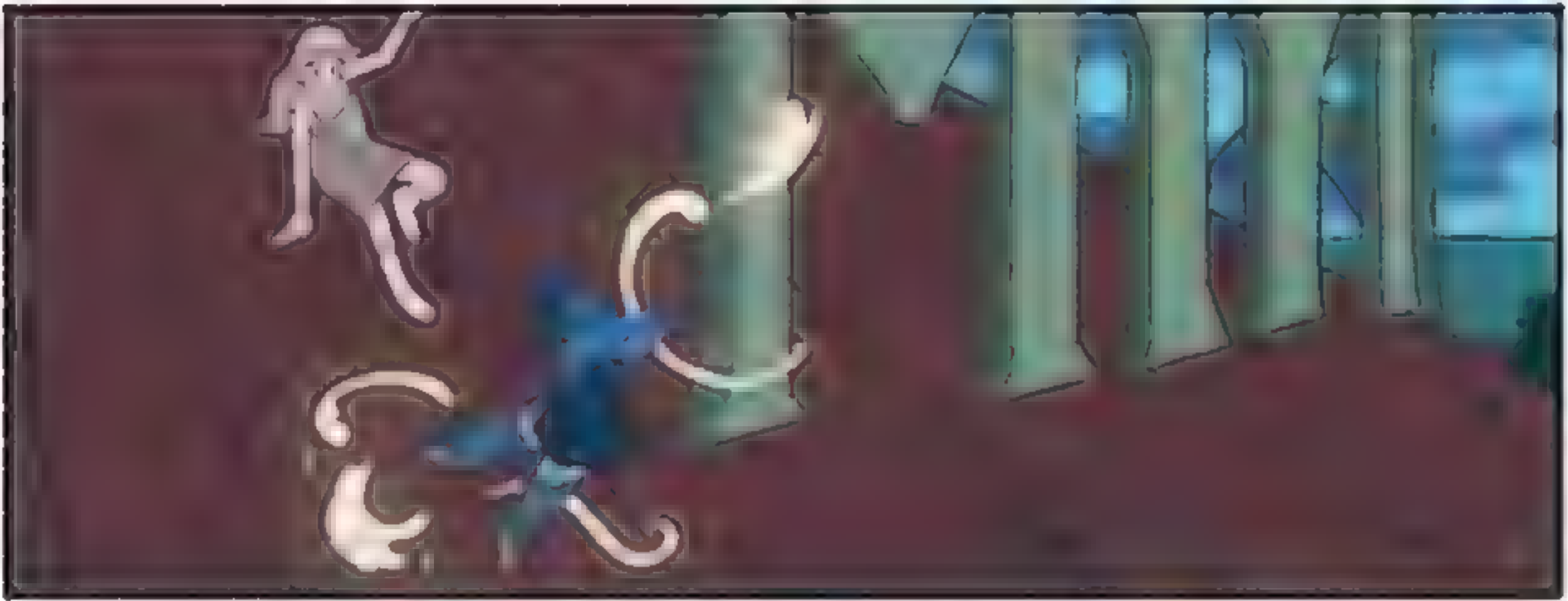
I'M JUST
WONDERING...
WHAT HAPPENS IF
I DON'T MAKE
IT BACK TO MY
HOME WORLD?
WHAT IF PRINCE
NEKO DIES
HERE?

YOU WILL MAKE
IT BACK. OONA'S
GOING TO LIGHT
THE LAST BEACON
IN TIME.

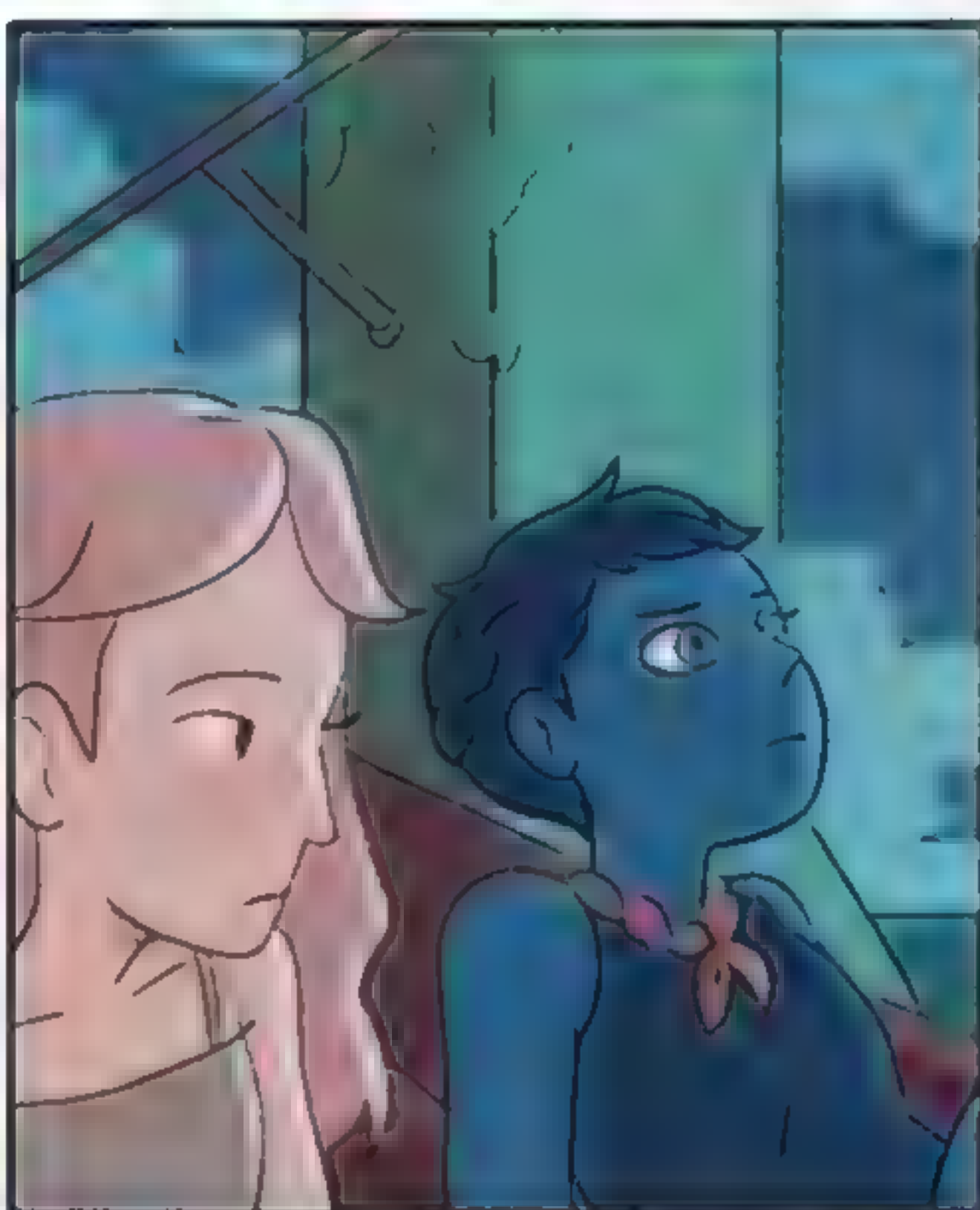
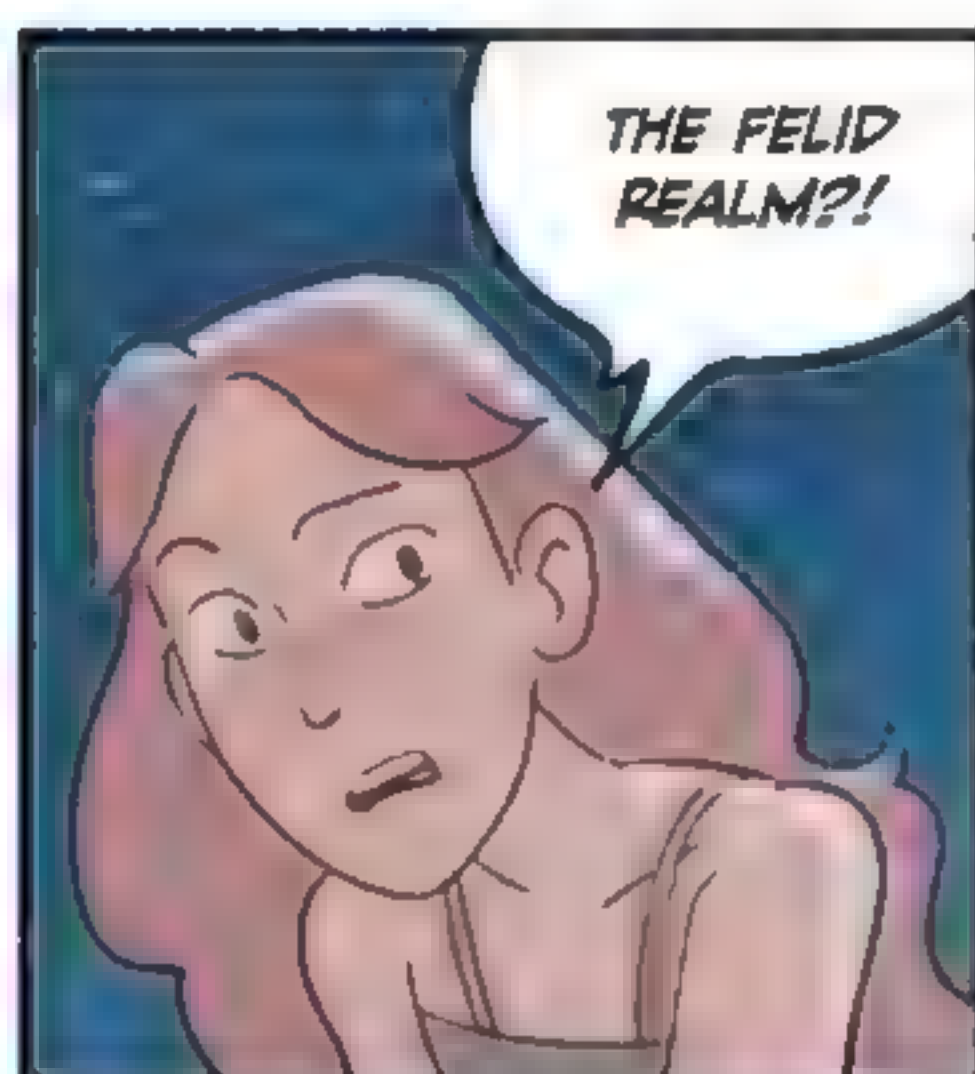
I KNOW
IT.







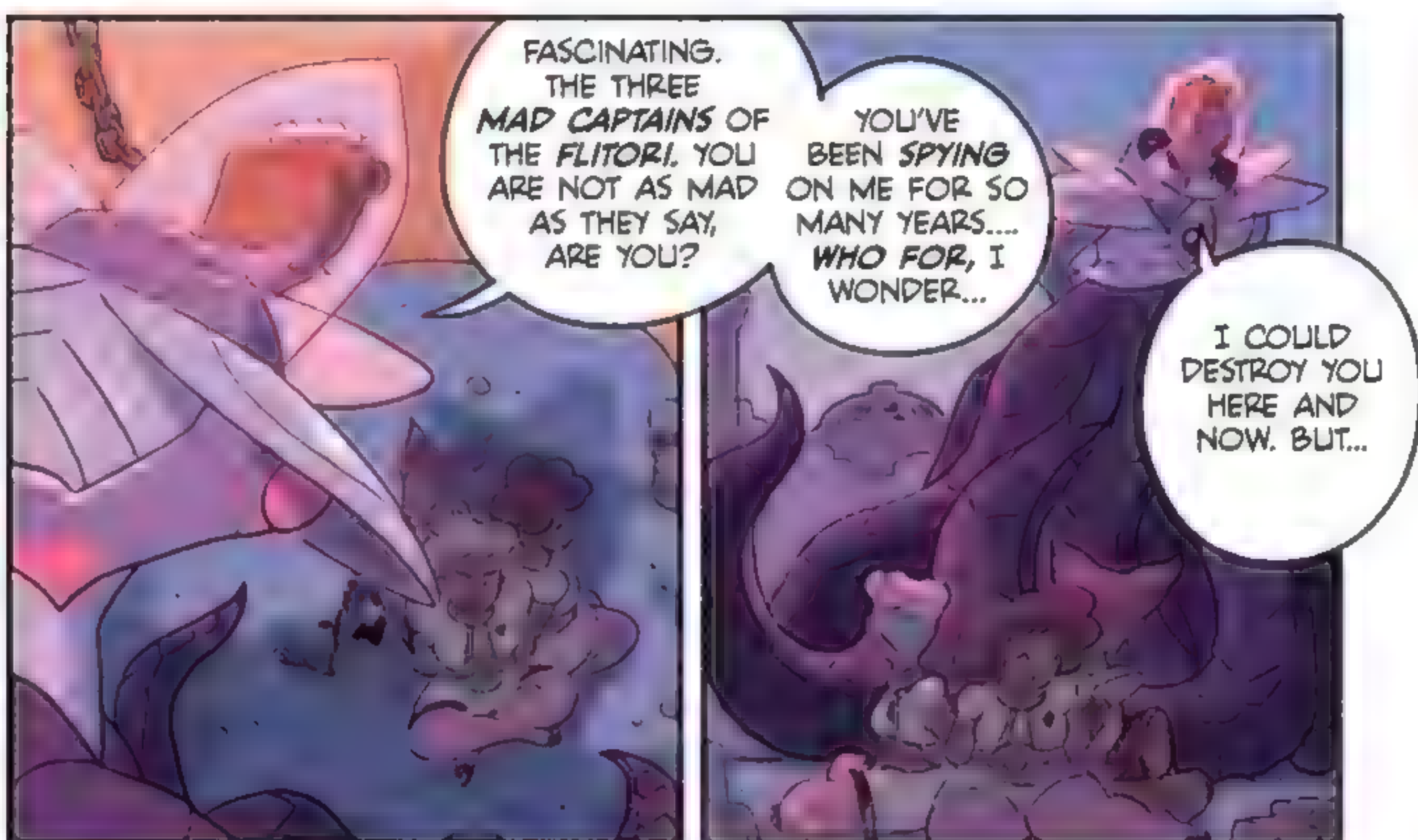


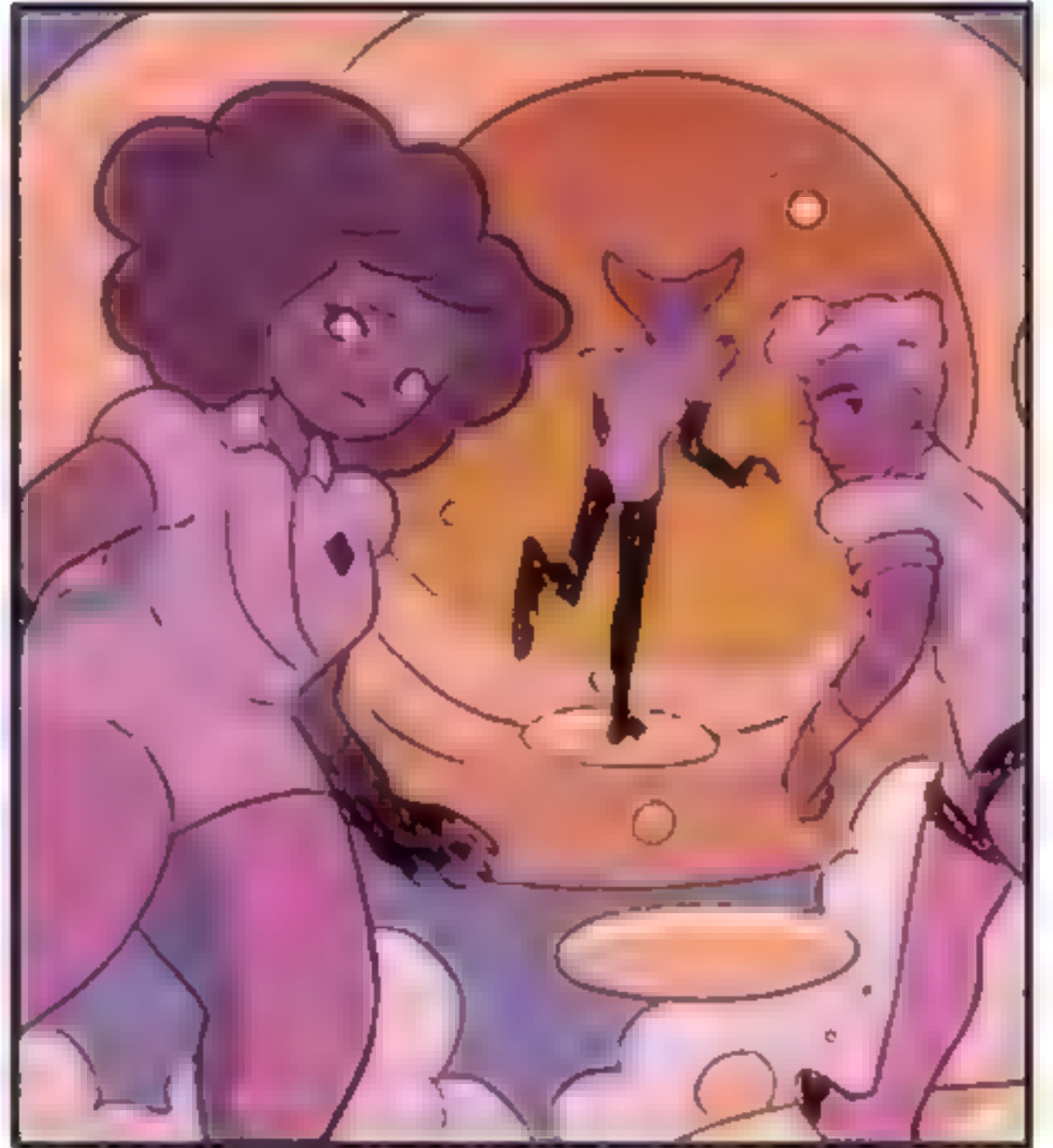


CHAPTER 5
**SAMPHIRE
DOES NOT TELL**

MEANWHILE, ON SALASSANDRA...









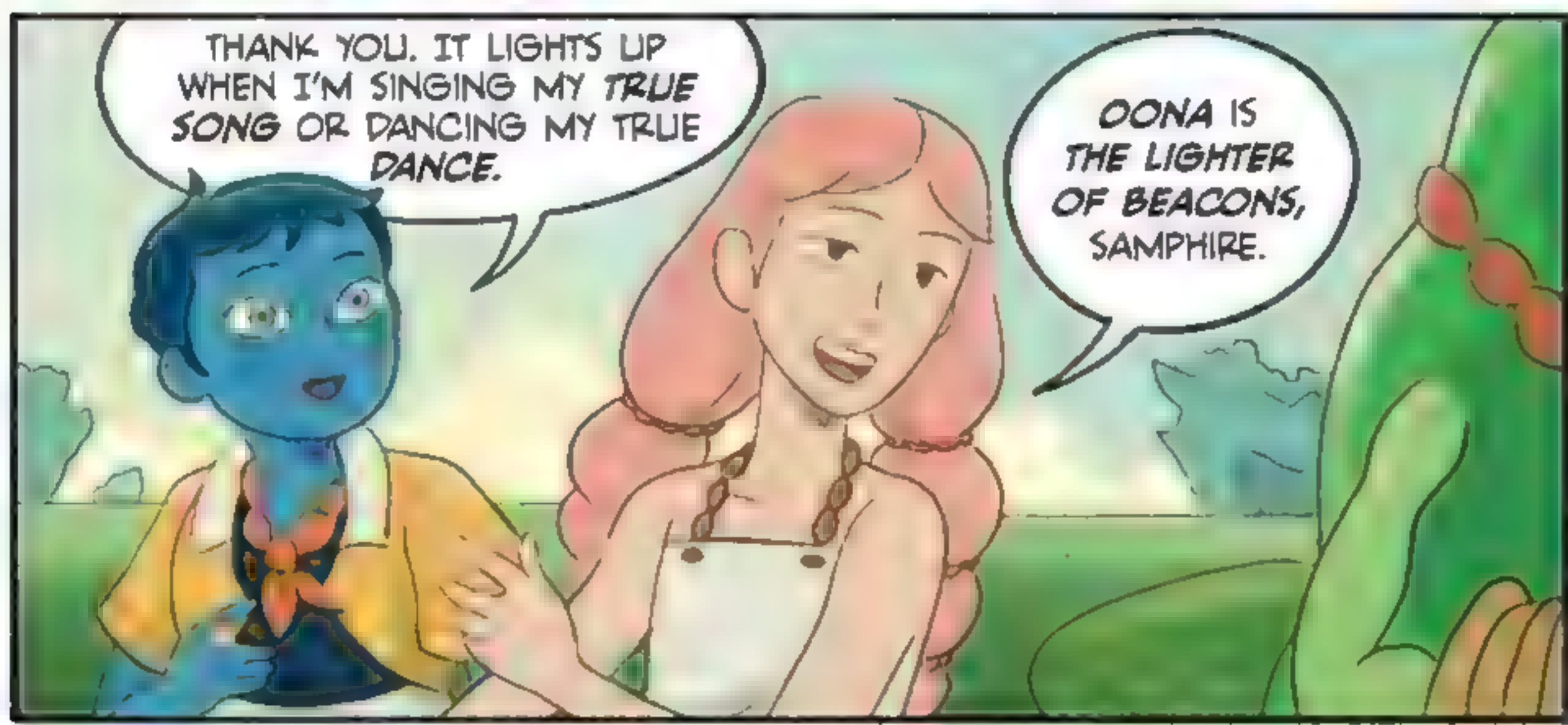
SAMPHIRE,
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET
MY FRIENDS OONA,
AN TZU, AND
JAX.



THIS FABRIC
SHIMMERS AND
TWINKLES.

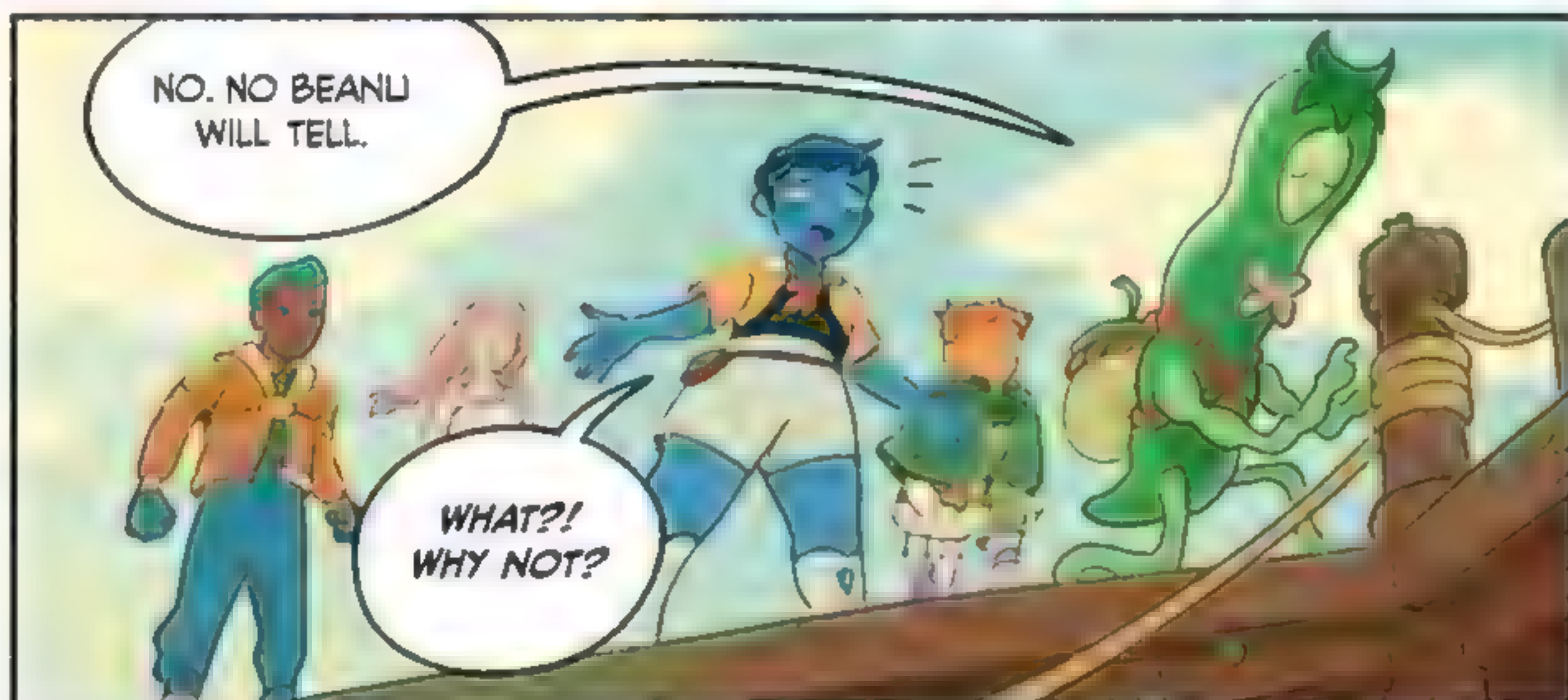
MY VEST? YES, THAT
WAS A GIFT FROM THE
SINGING WEAVERS OF
SALASSANDRA.

BEAUTIFUL.

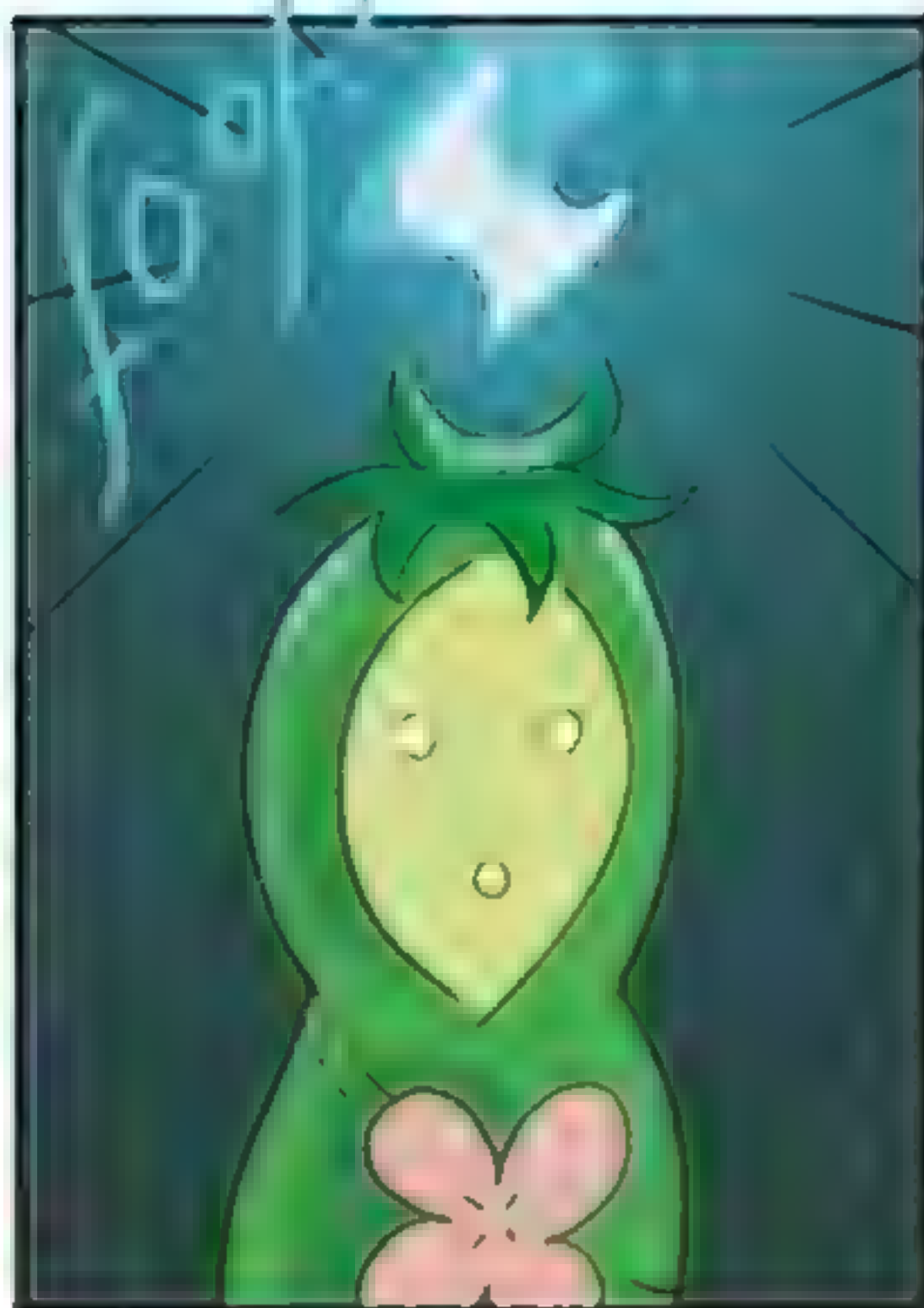
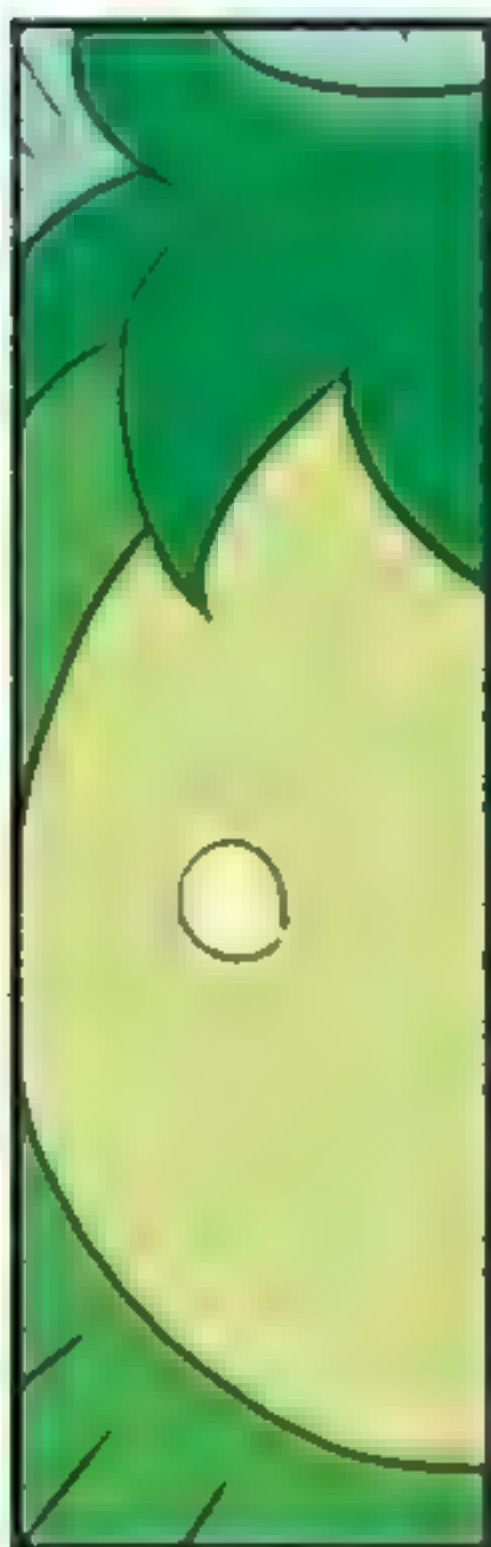


THANK YOU. IT LIGHTS UP
WHEN I'M SINGING MY TRUE
SONG OR DANCING MY TRUE
DANCE.

OONA IS
THE LIGHTER
OF BEACONS,
SAMPHIRE.







THE LIVING FIRE IS
FOR EVERYONE.



THIS
CHANGES...
EVERYTHING.



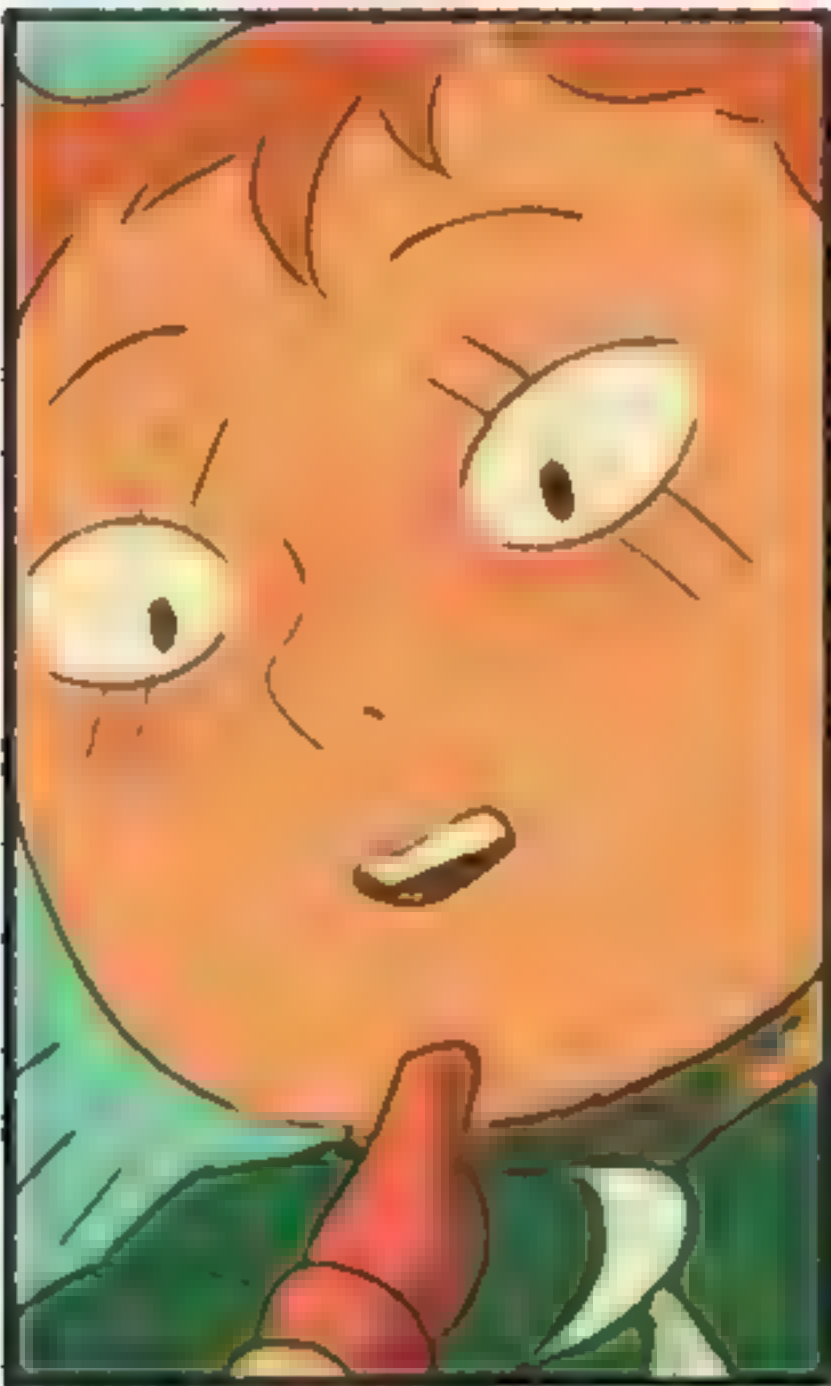
THE GREAT
WILLOW KING
MUST KNOW.

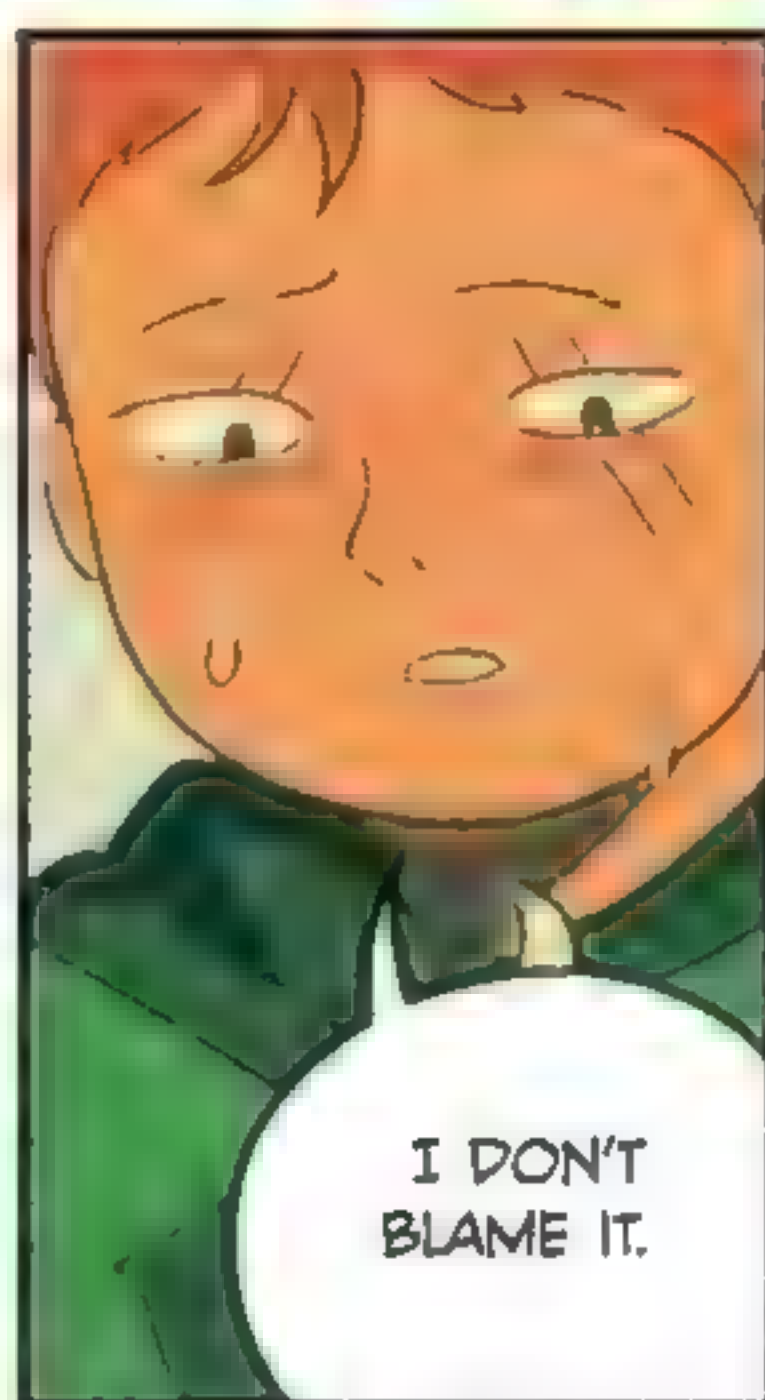
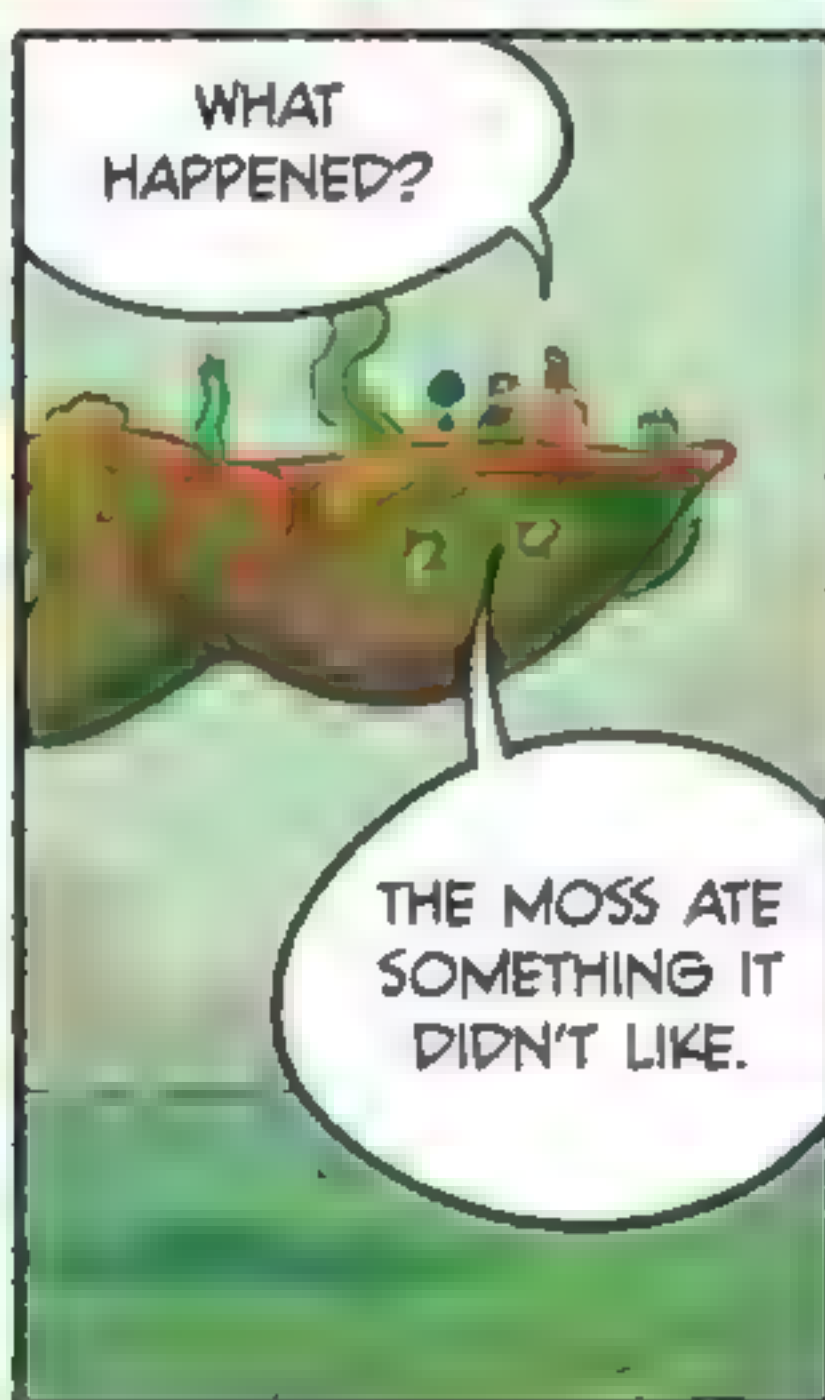
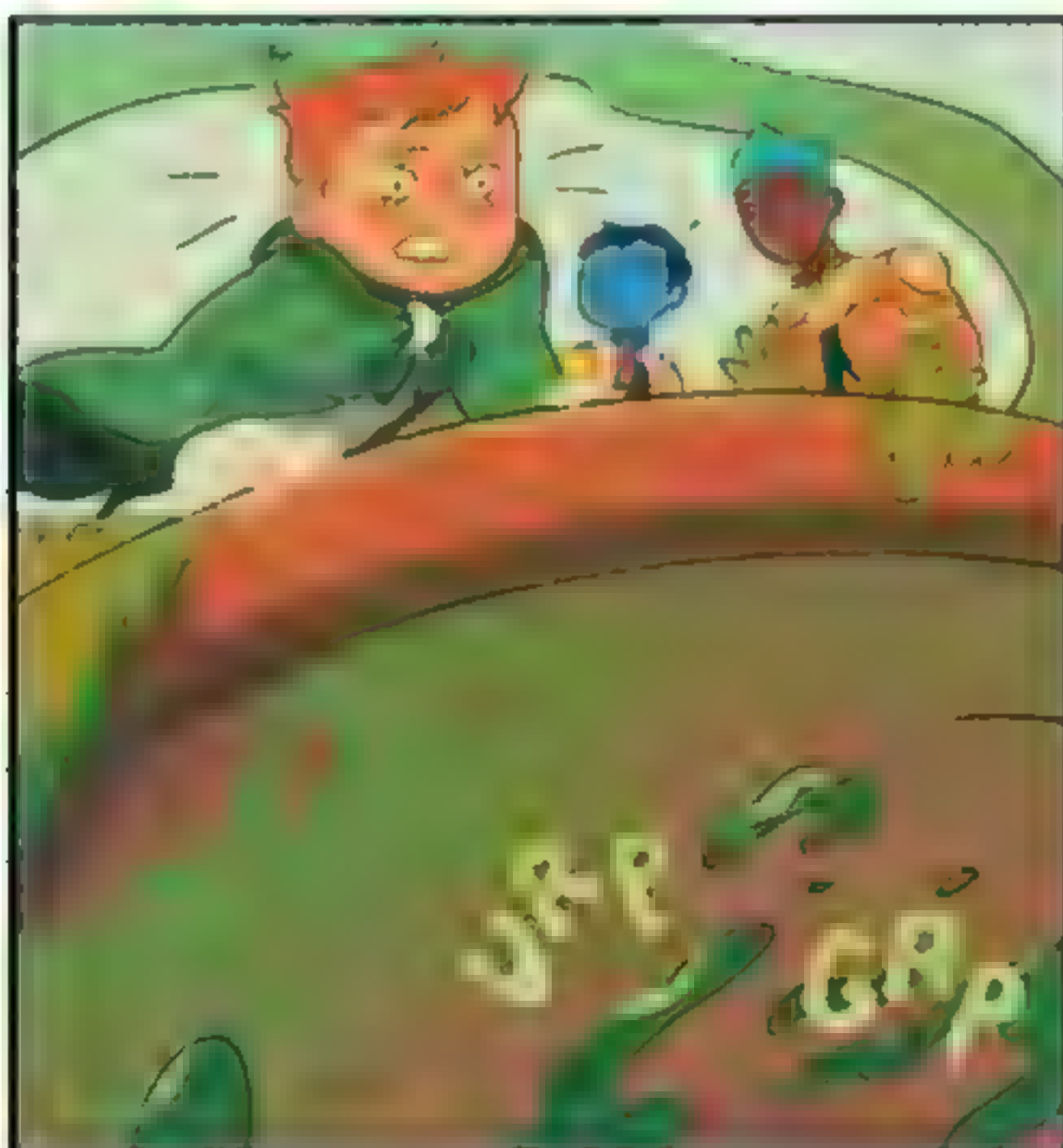
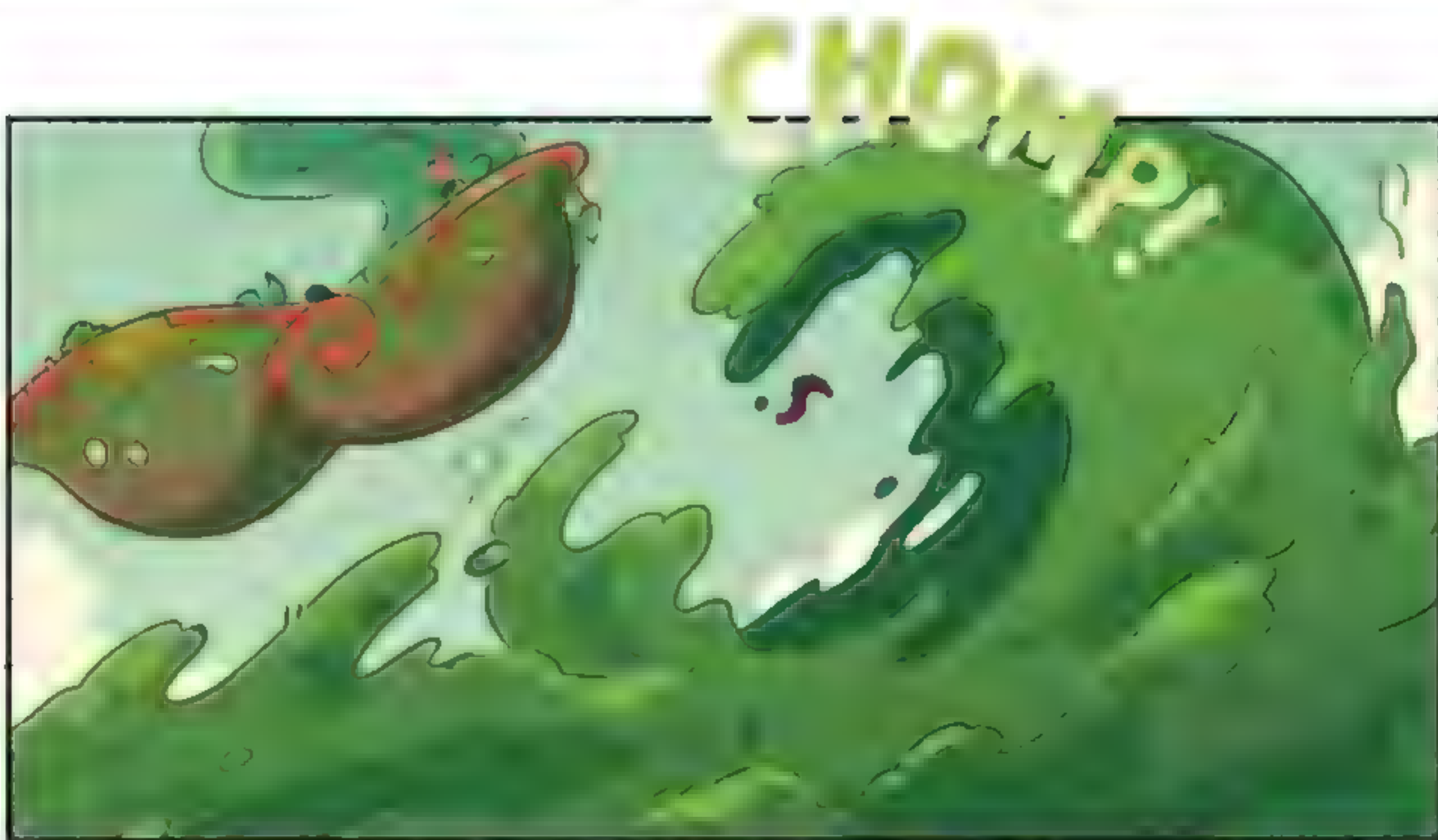
I WILL
BRING YOU
TO HIM AT
THE SACRED
FLOATING
ROCK.



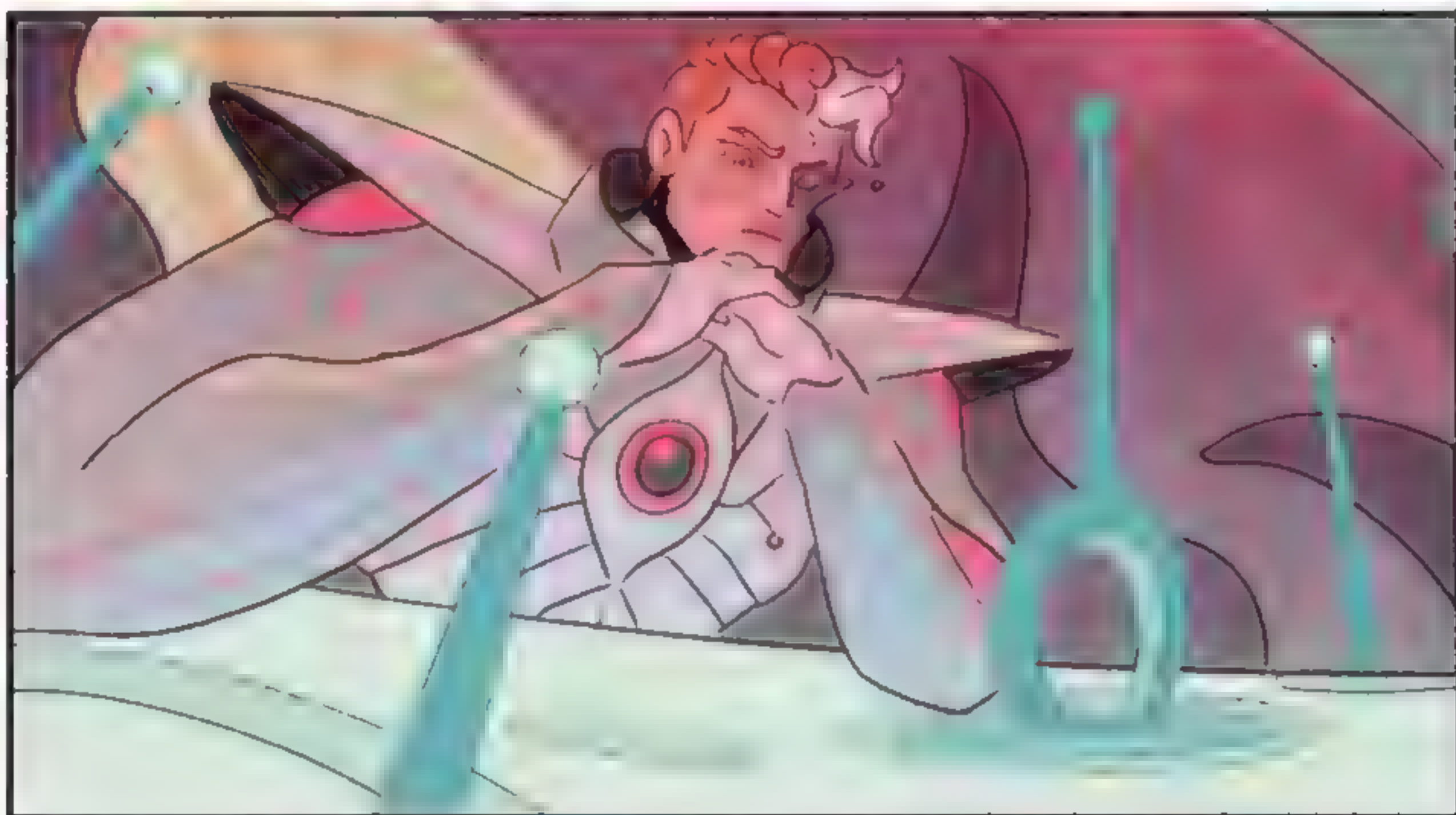
CHAPTER 6
ENEMIES EVERYWHERE

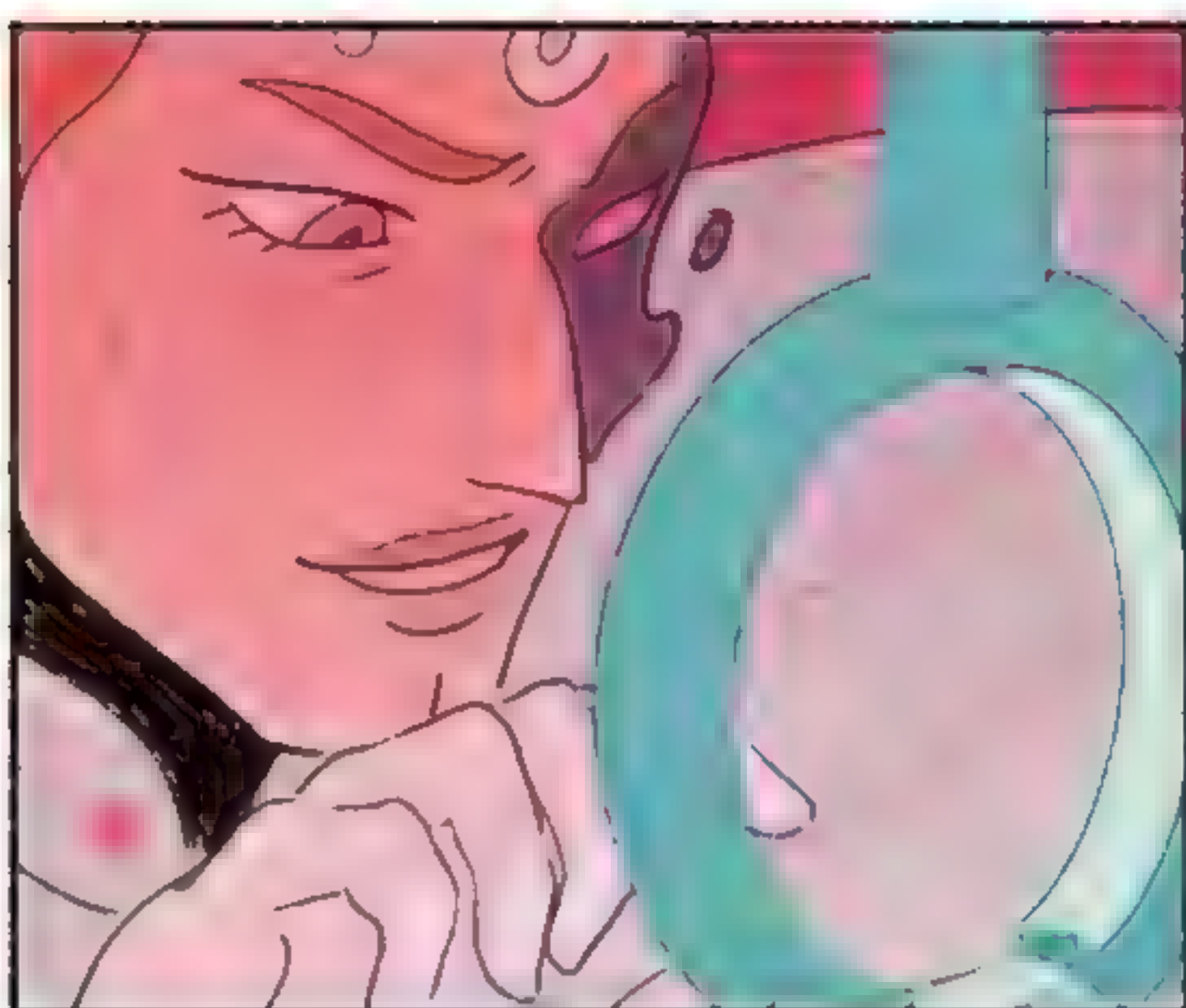






MEANWHILE, IN *STAN MOON'S*
ORBITAL STATION...

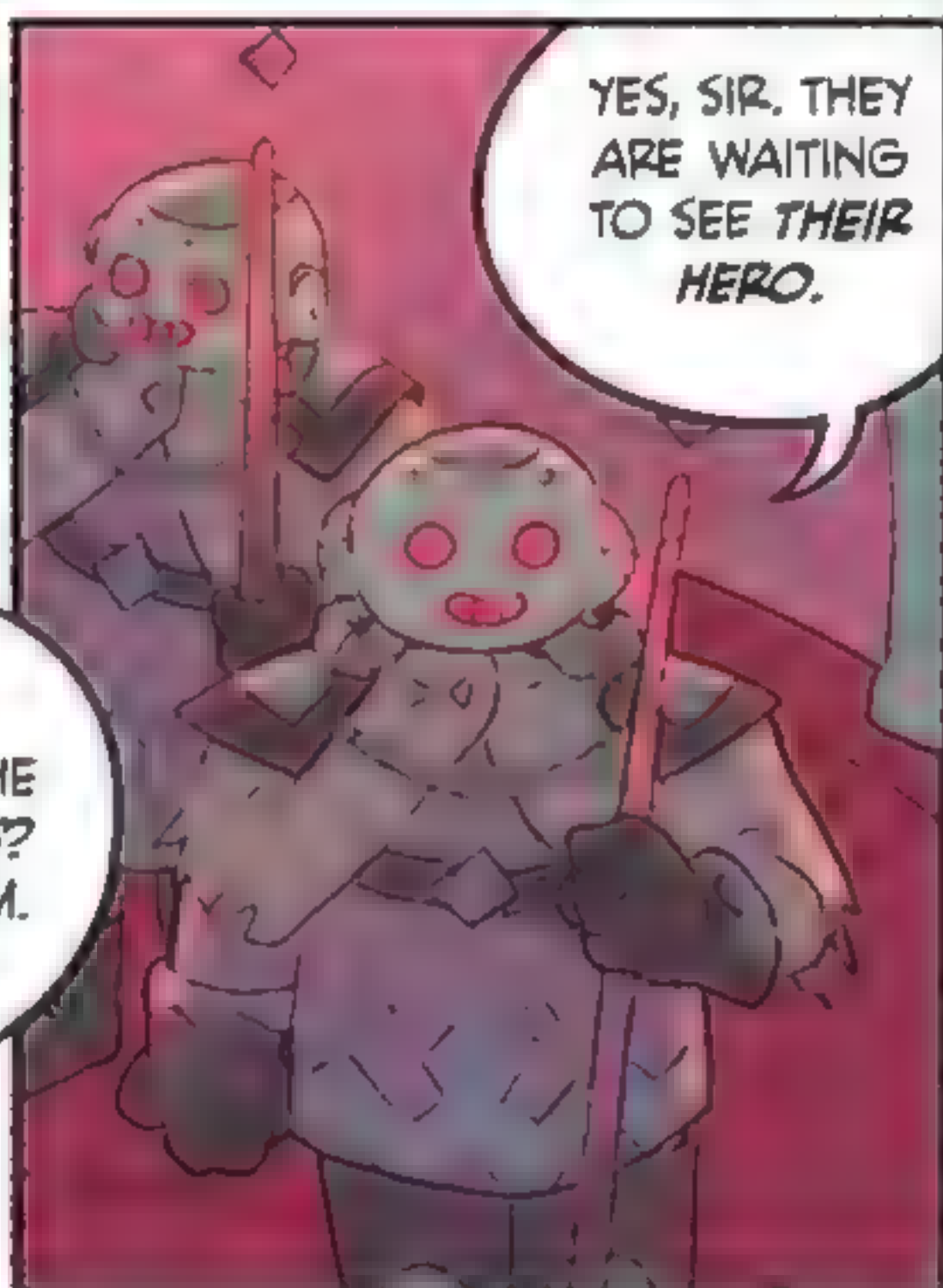




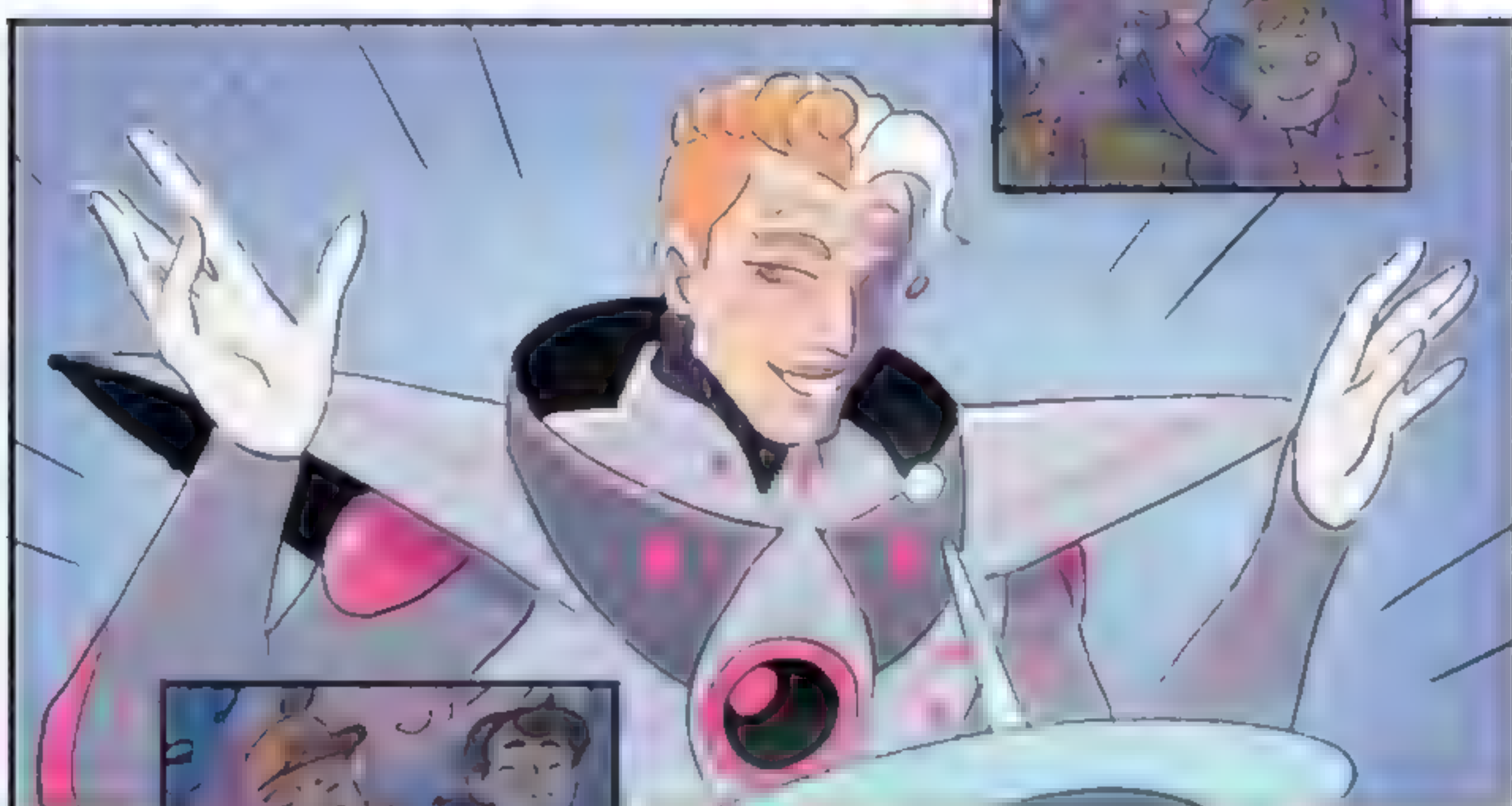
LITTLE OONA LEE,
YOU ARE MY TICKET
BACK TO WHERE
I BELONG....

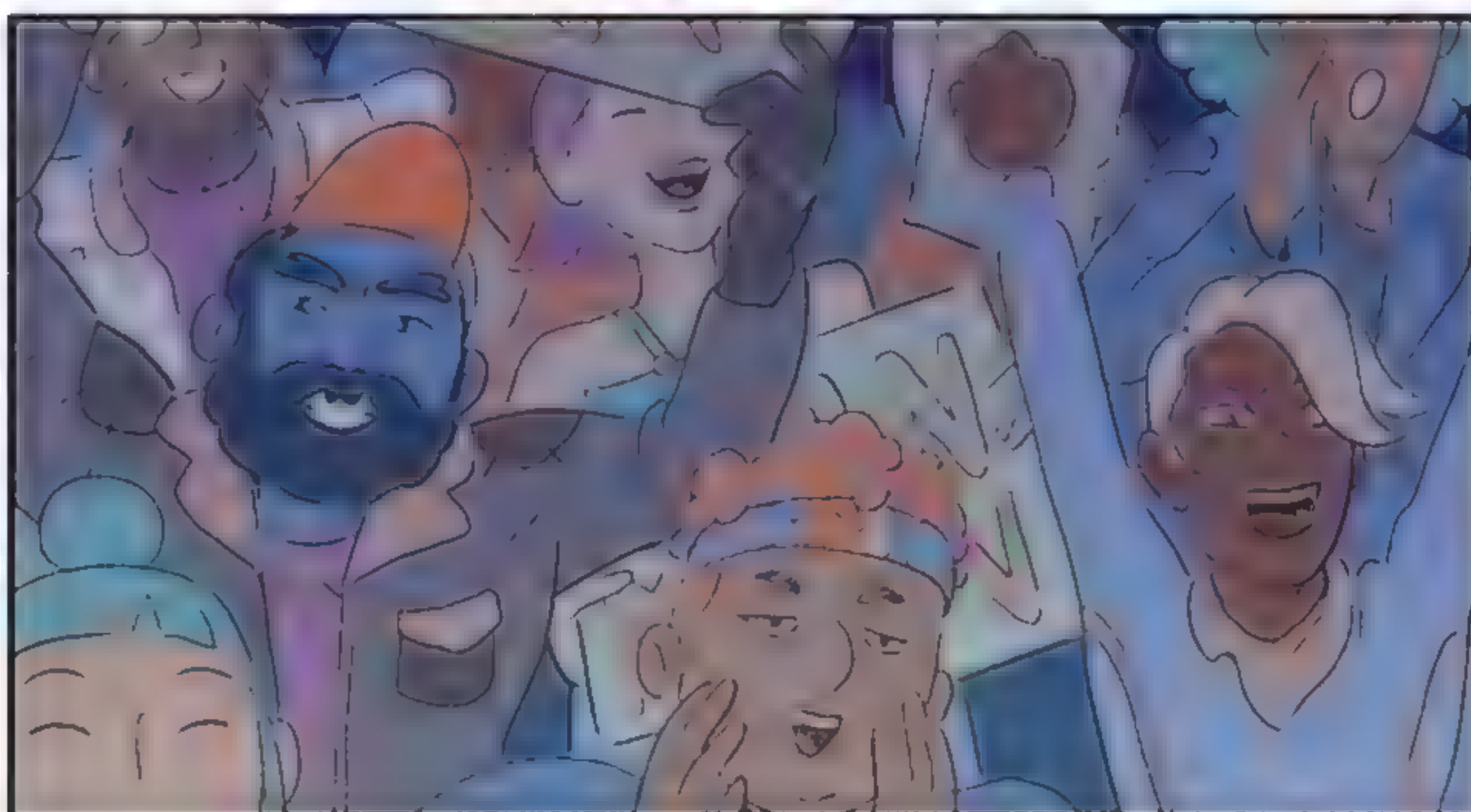


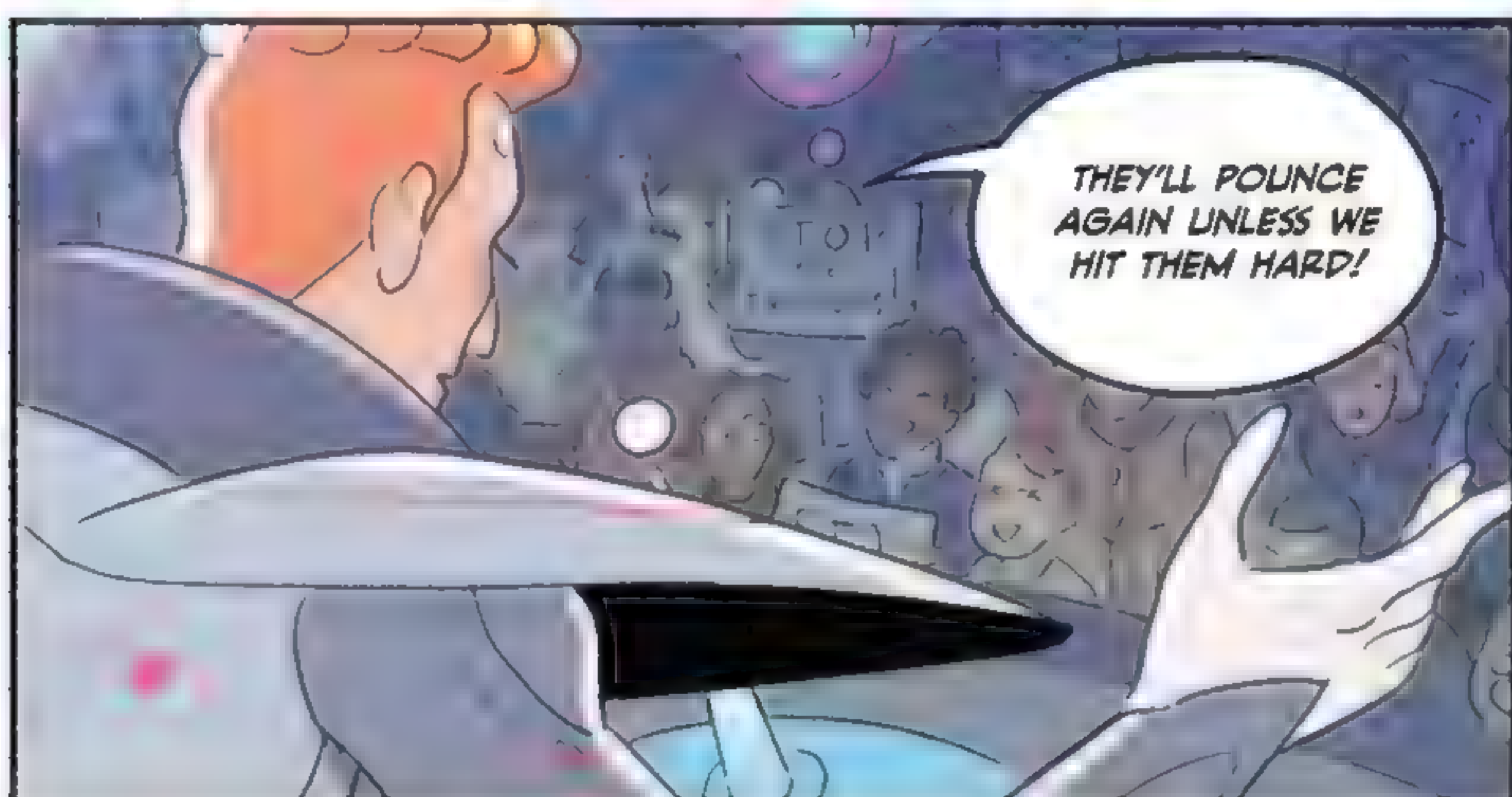
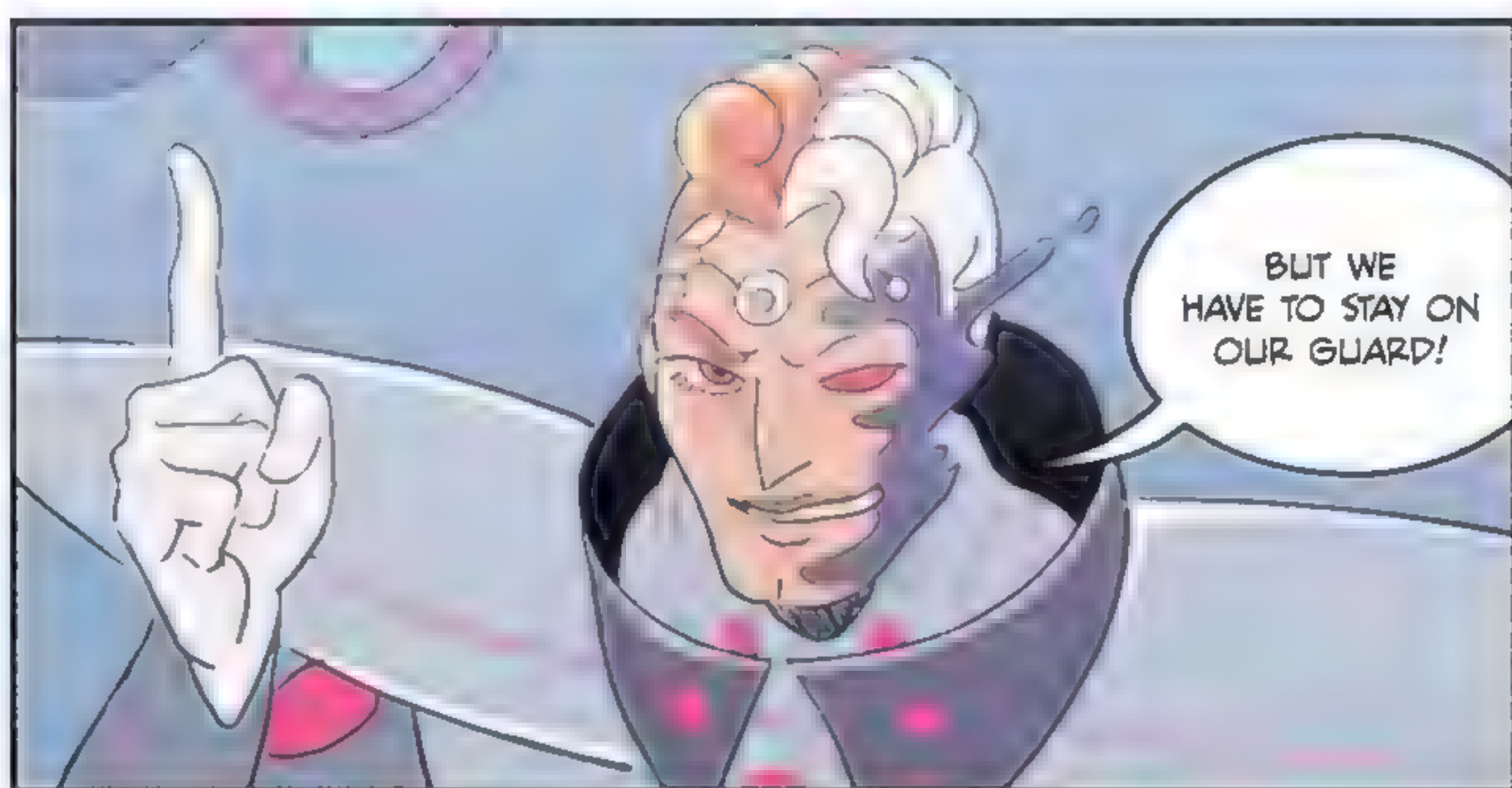
HAVE YOU
GATHERED THE
SUPPORTERS?
I NEED THEM.

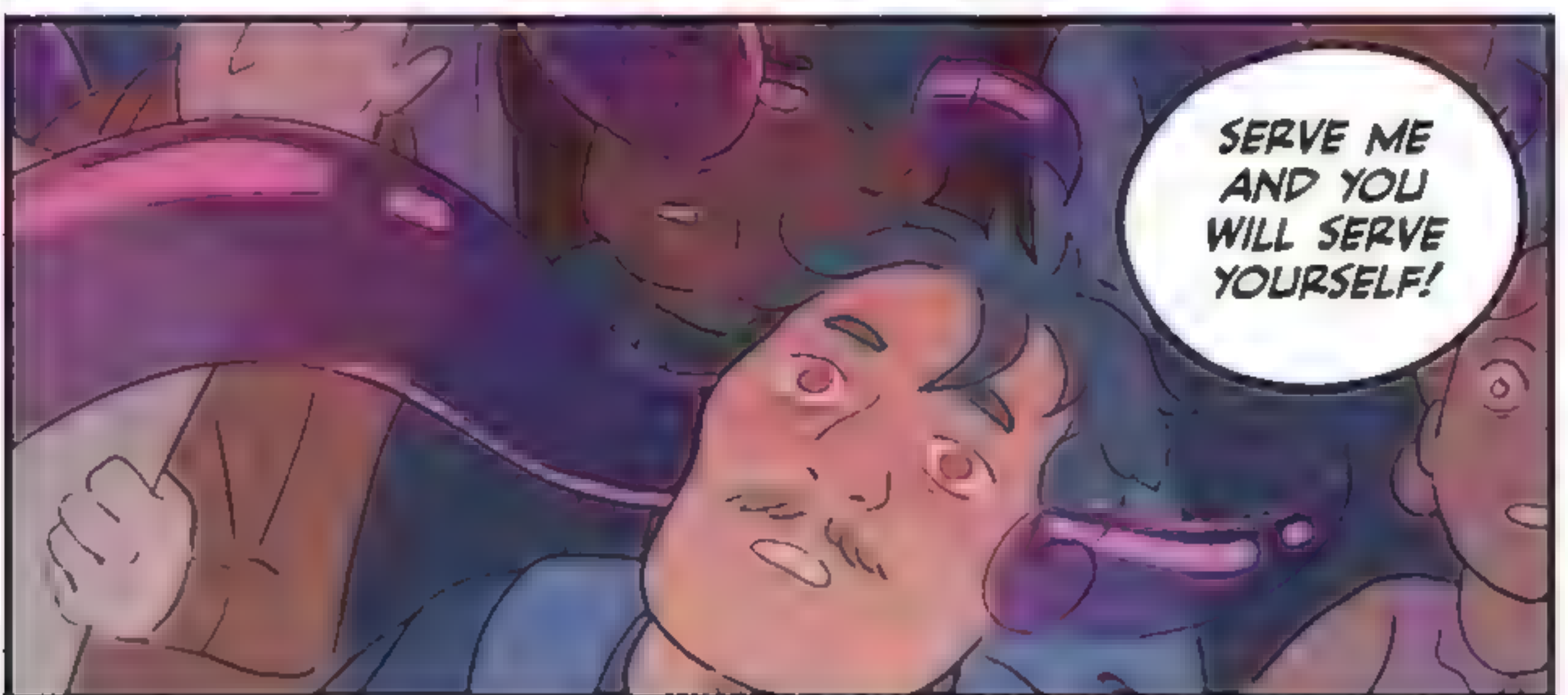


YES, SIR. THEY
ARE WAITING
TO SEE *THEIR*
HERO.

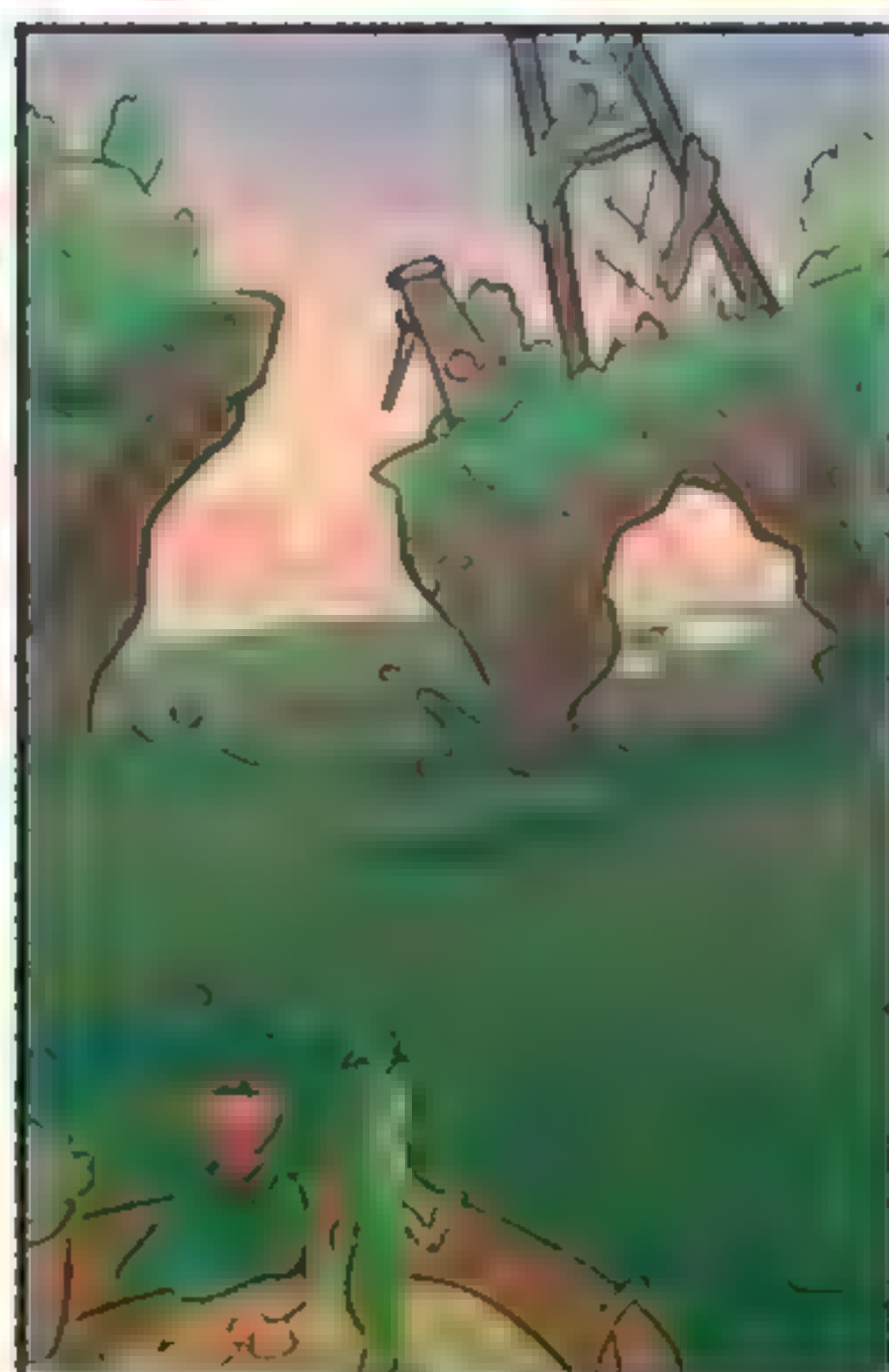
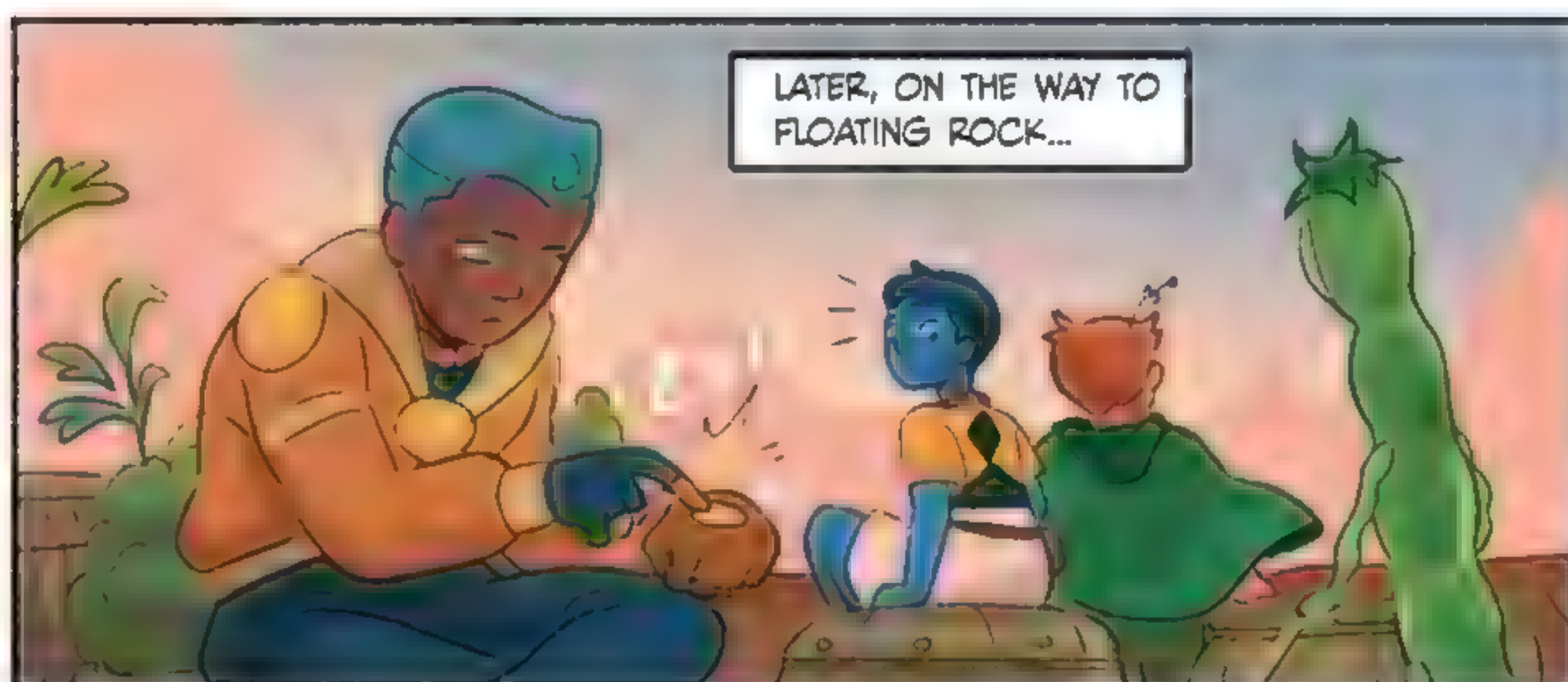


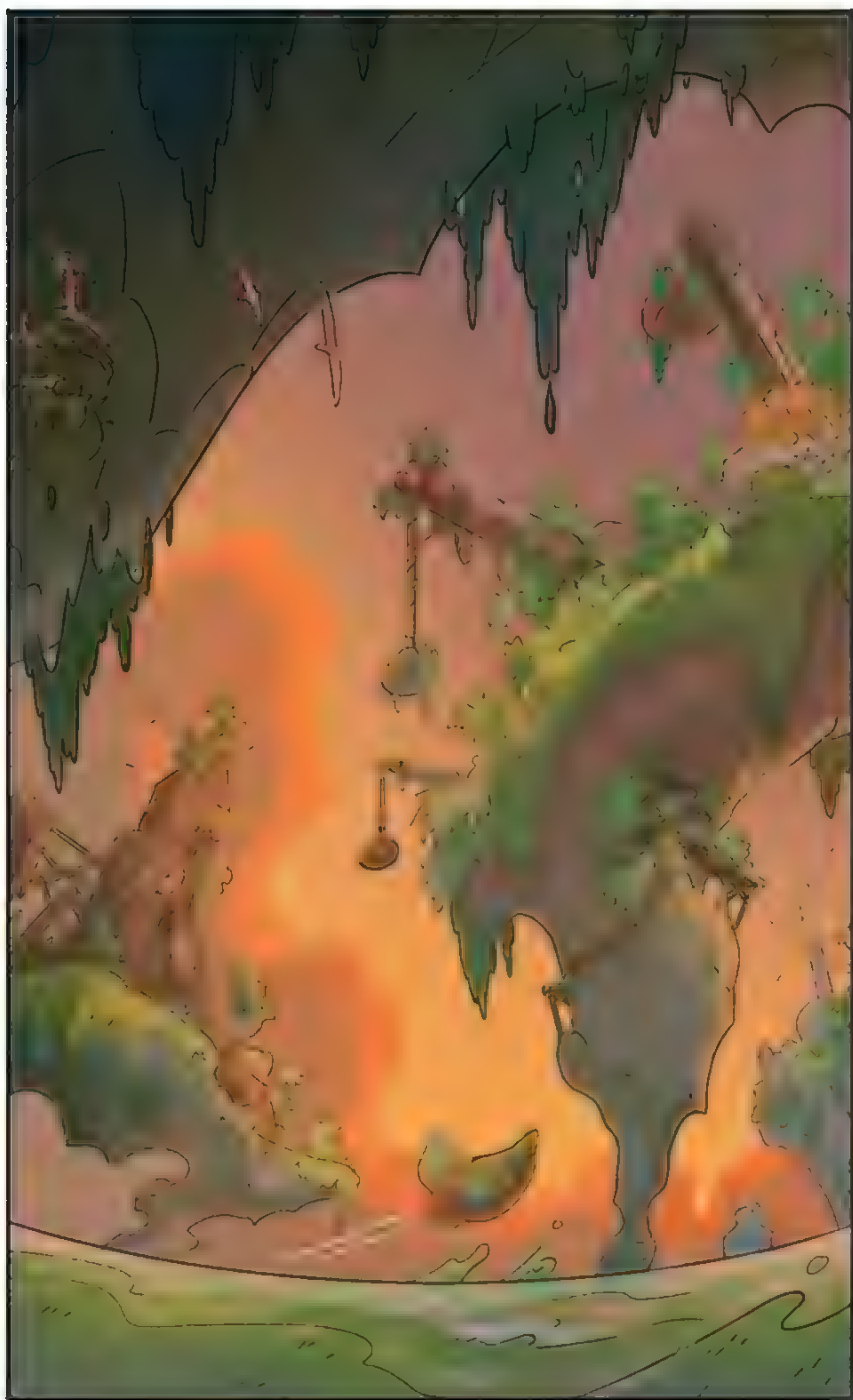


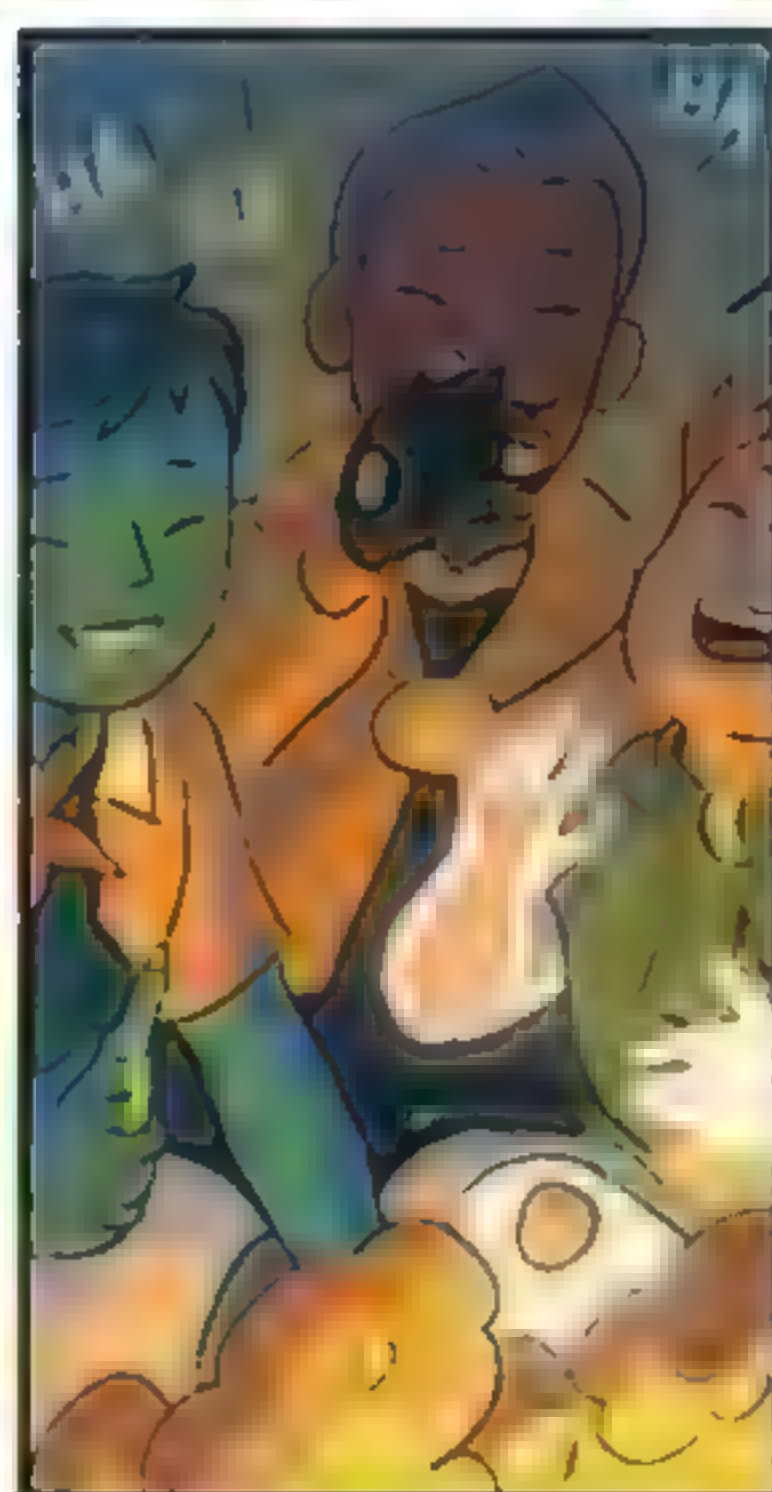
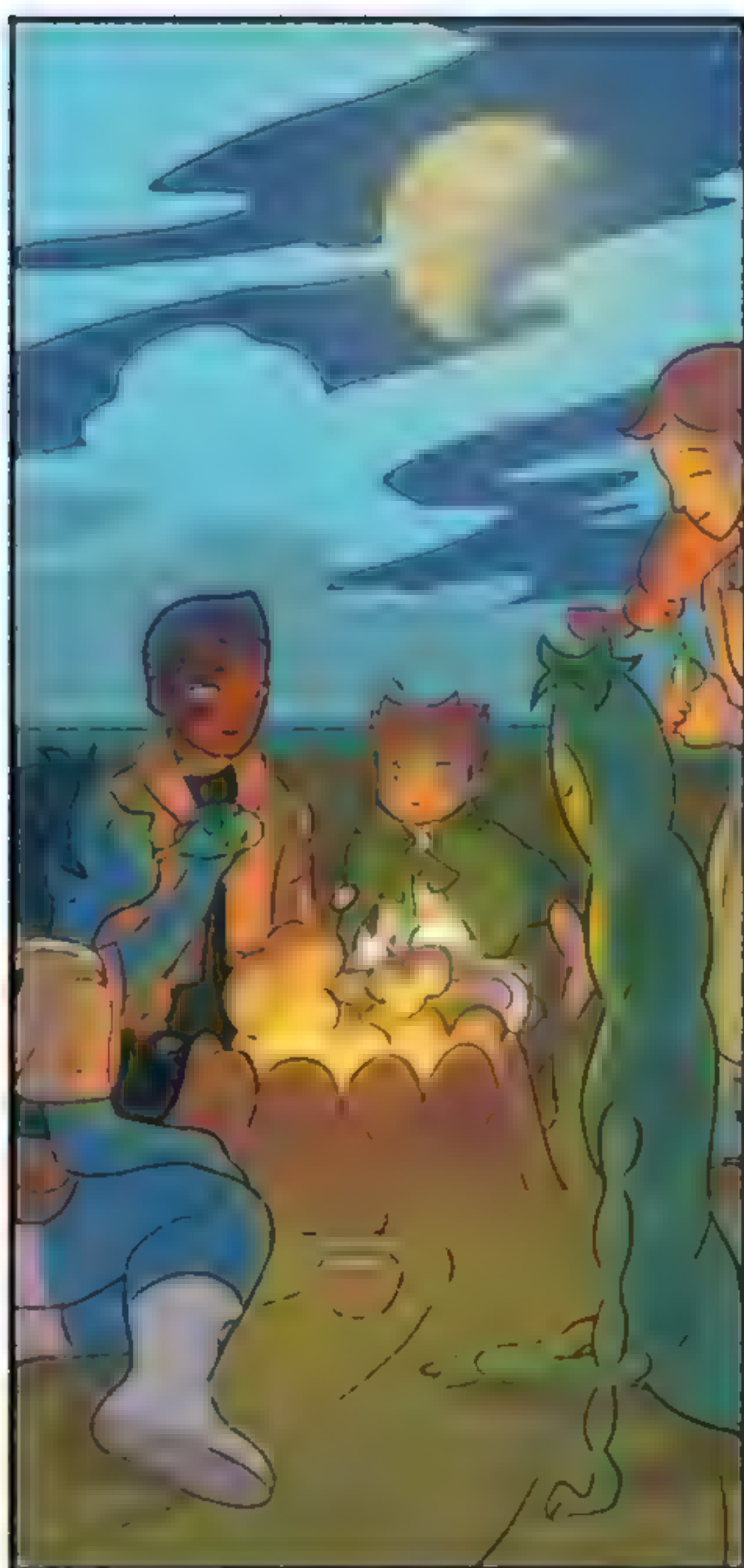


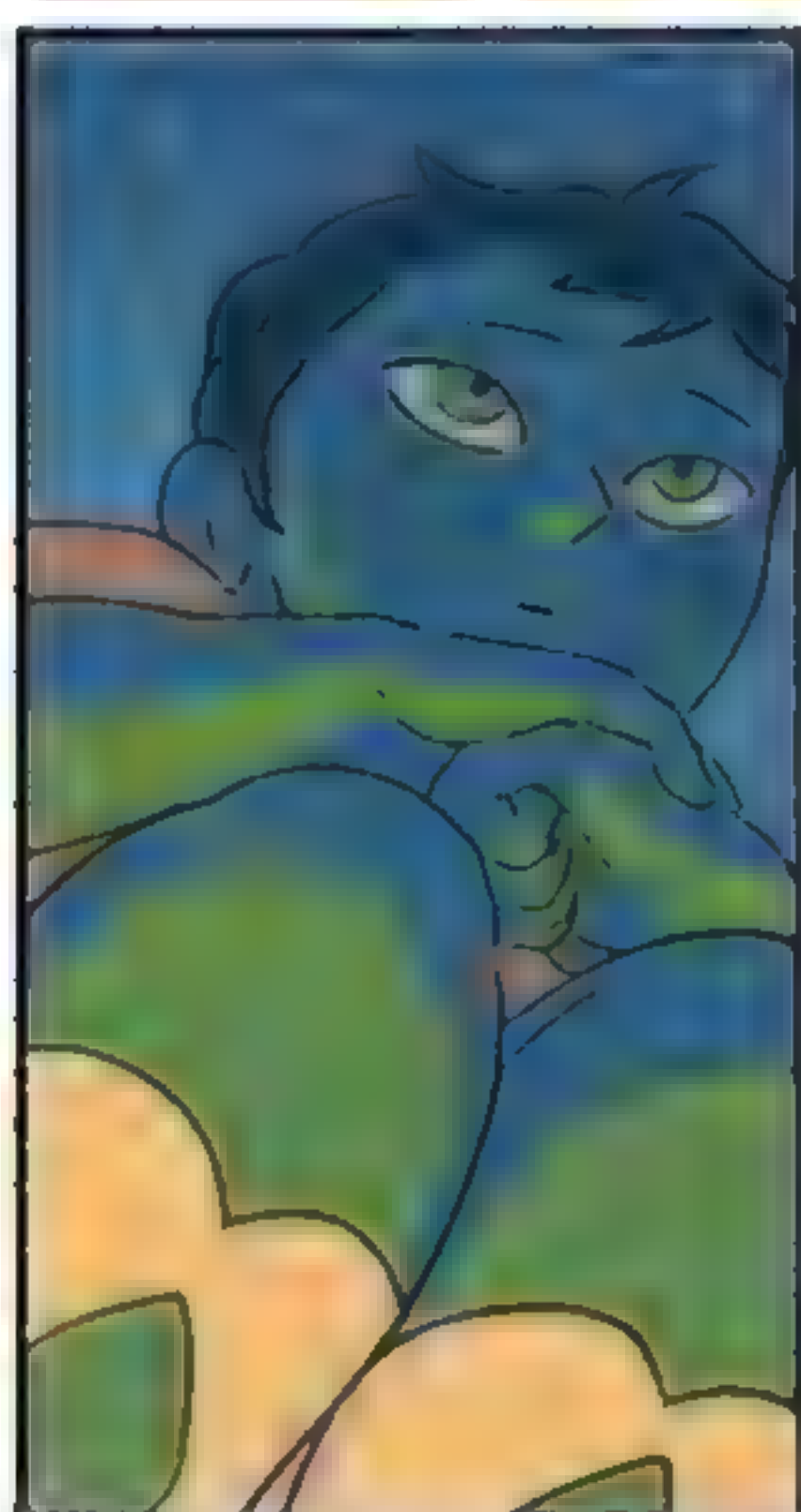
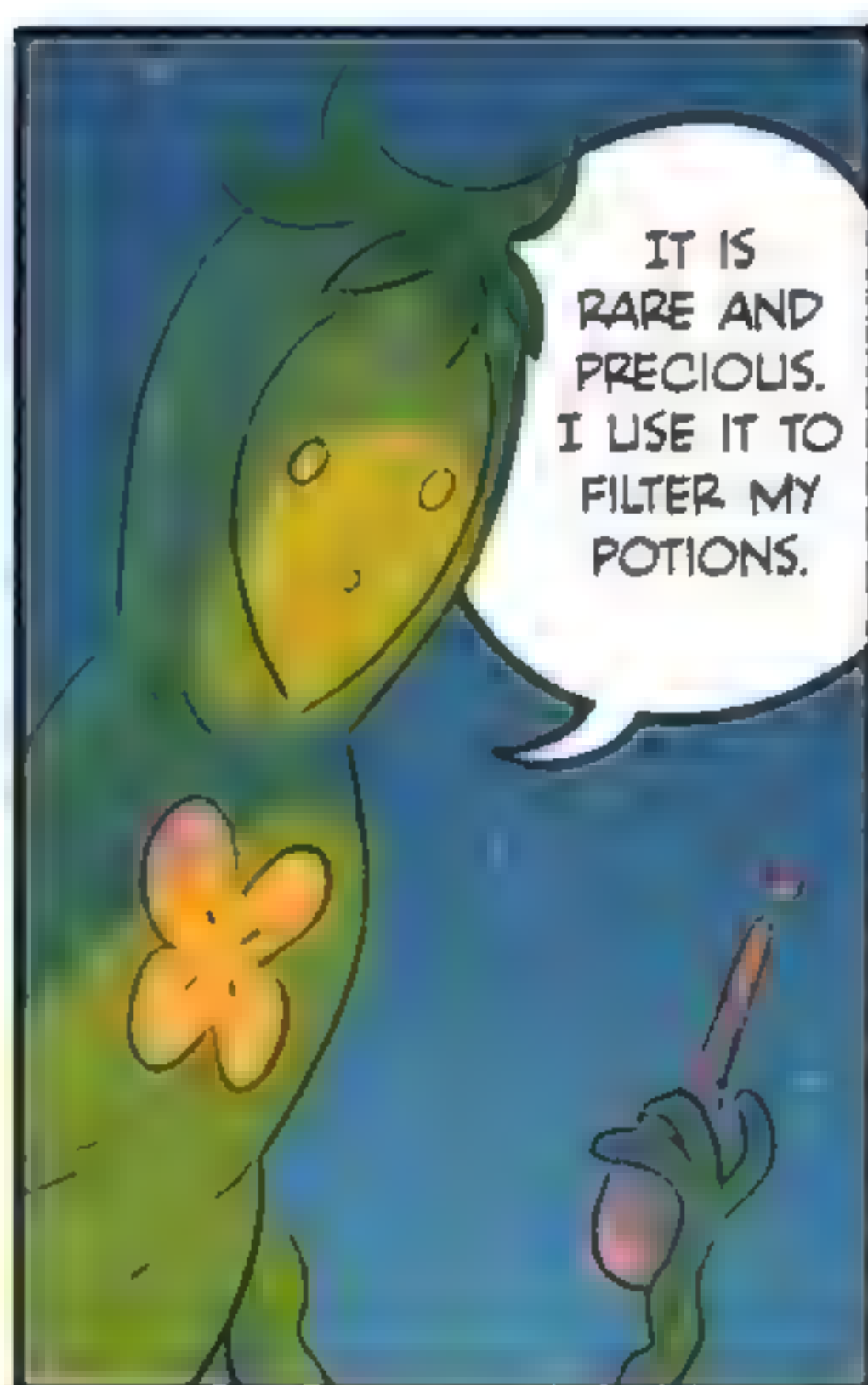












CHAPTER 7

THE TOKI EXILE

MEANWHILE, ON *MOON TOKI*,
NEAR THE FLYING FORTRESS...



THE OLD COUNCIL
TOOK THE FORTRESS!
WE'RE SURROUNDED! DO
YOU COPY? COME IN,
GARRISON THREE!



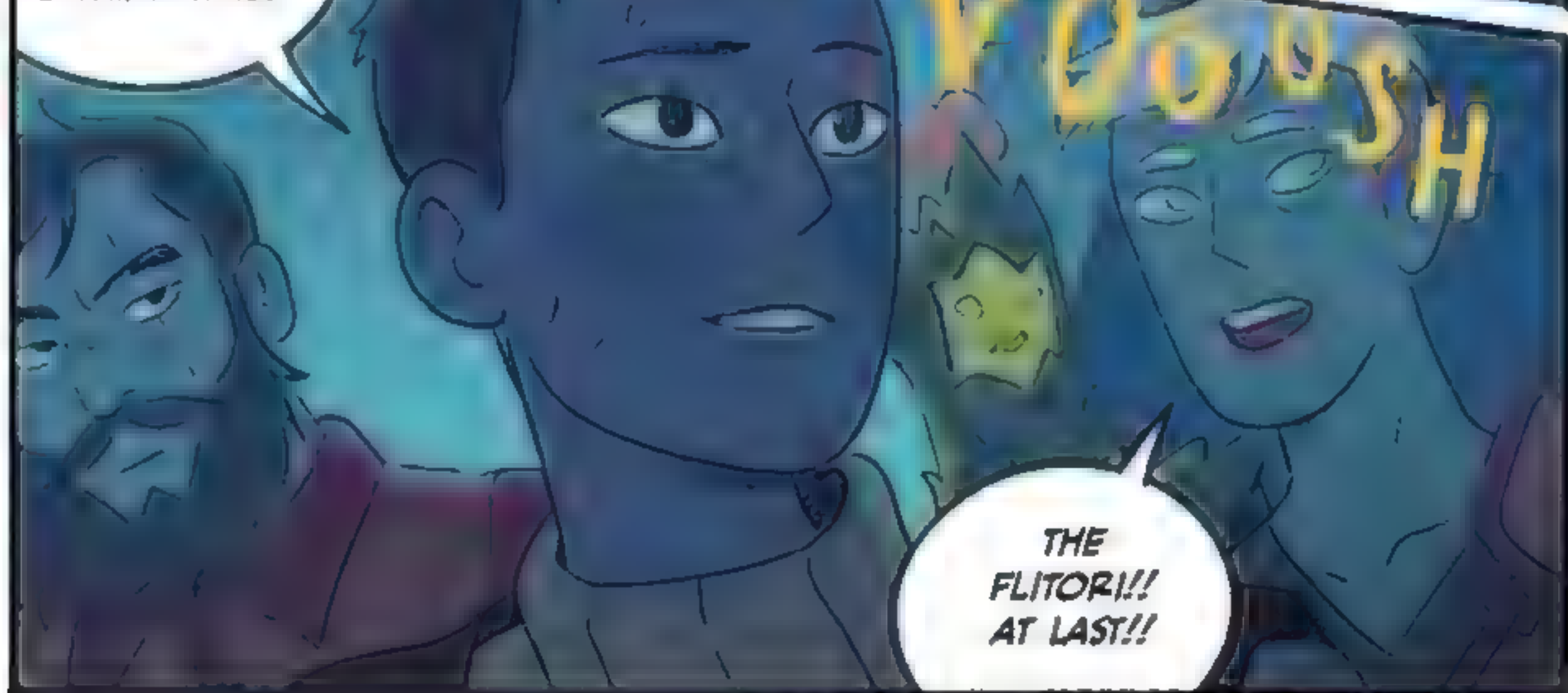
IT'S GONE
DEAD.

WE'RE ON
OUR OWN,
THEN.

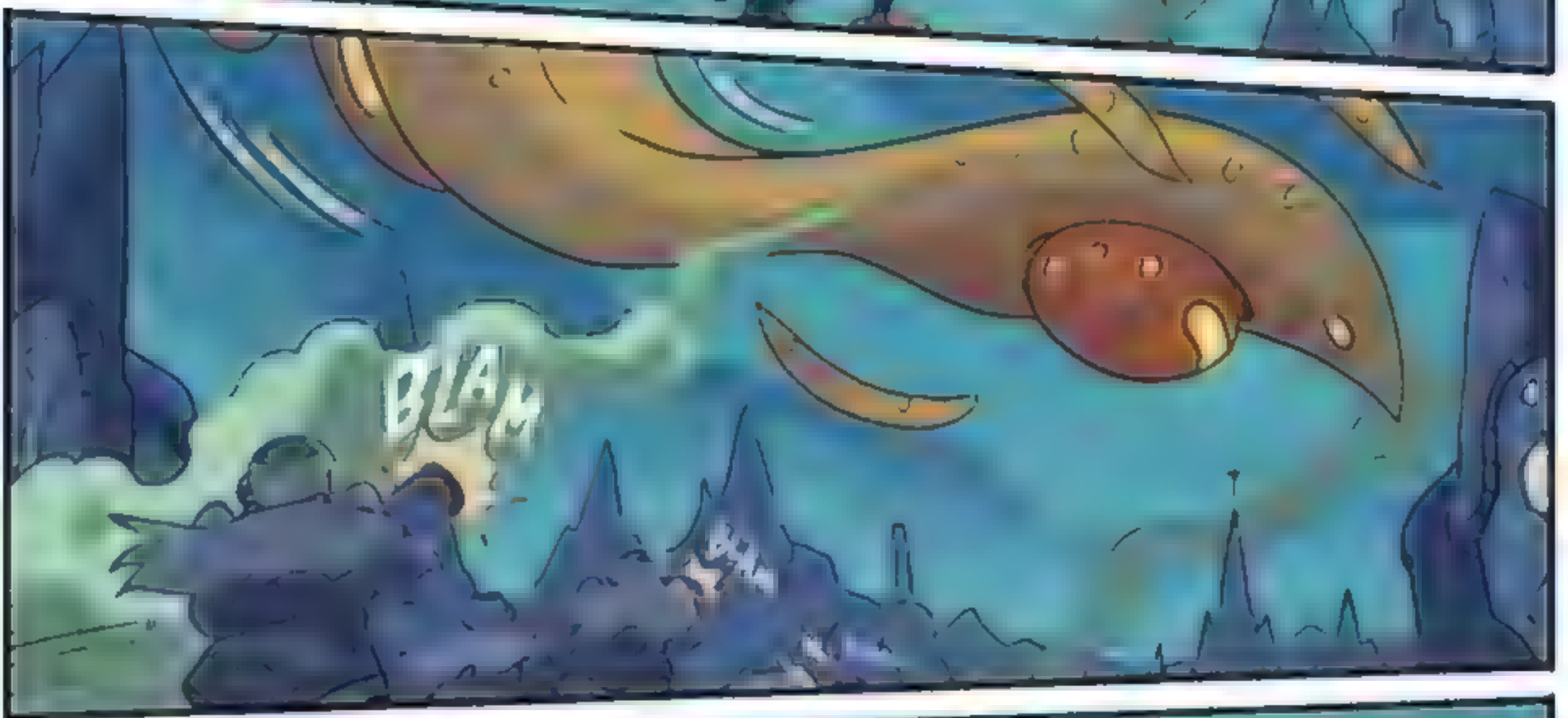
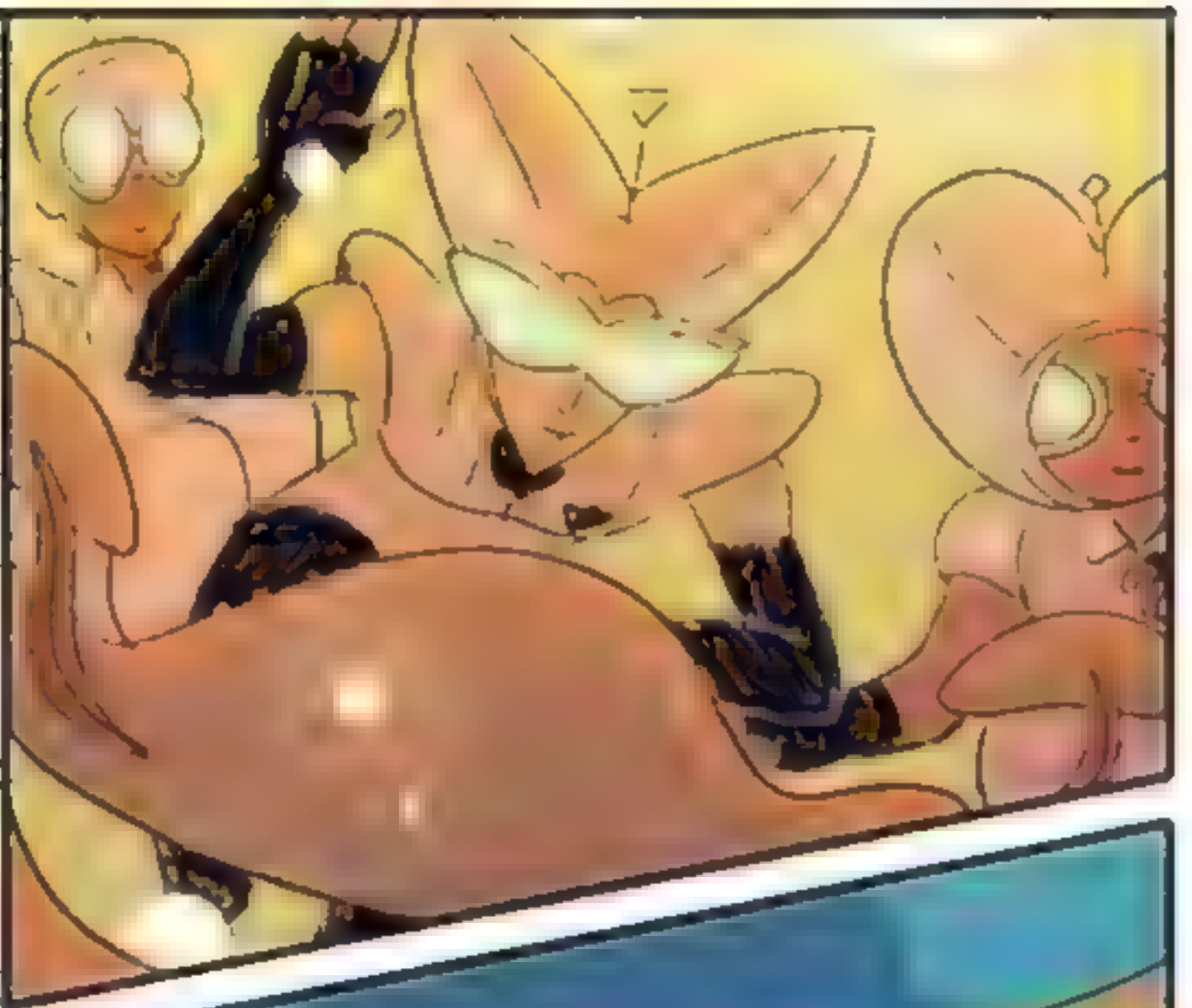
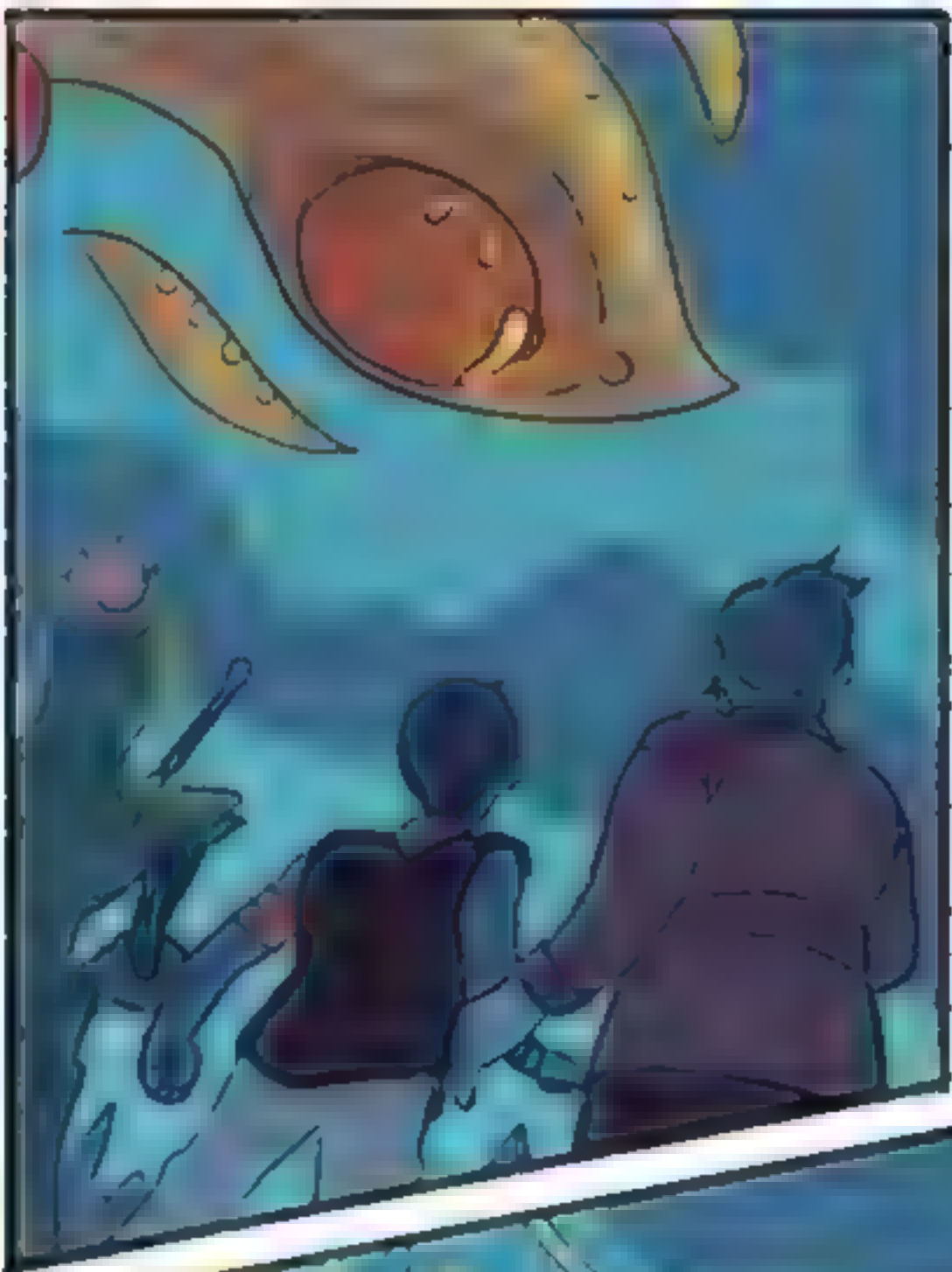


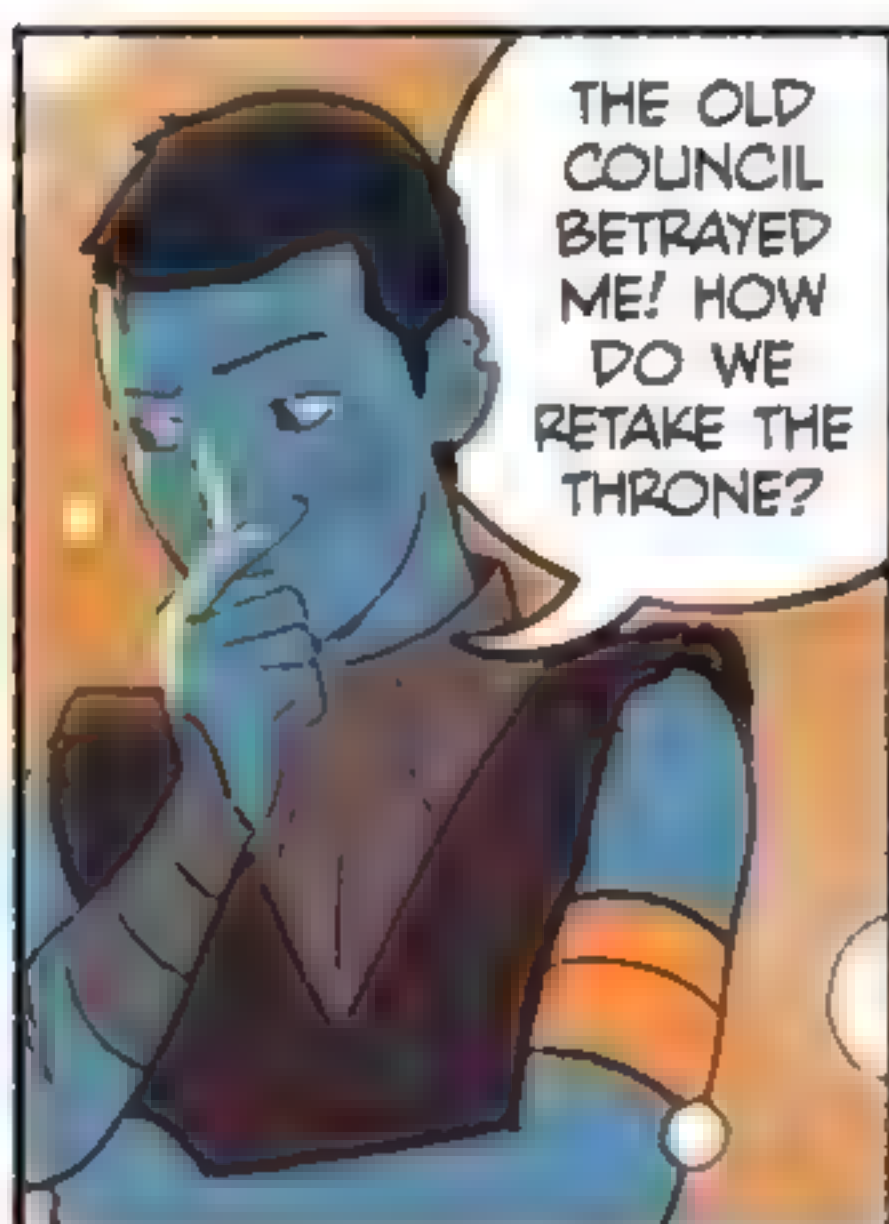
WE'RE
CORNERED.

IS THAT WHAT
I THINK IT IS?

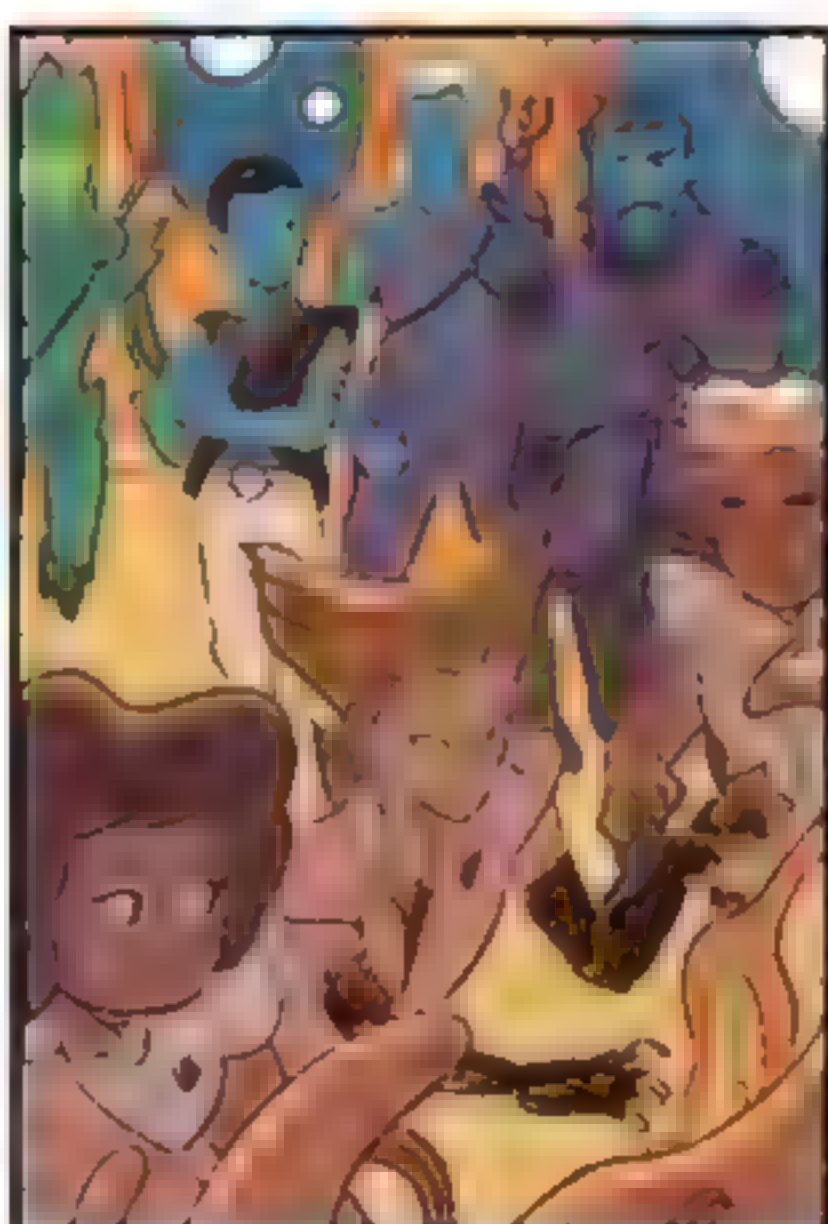


THE
FLITORI!!
AT LAST!!





THE OLD COUNCIL BETRAYED ME! HOW DO WE RETAKE THE THRONE?



WHAT? WHY ARE YOU ALL SO QUIET?



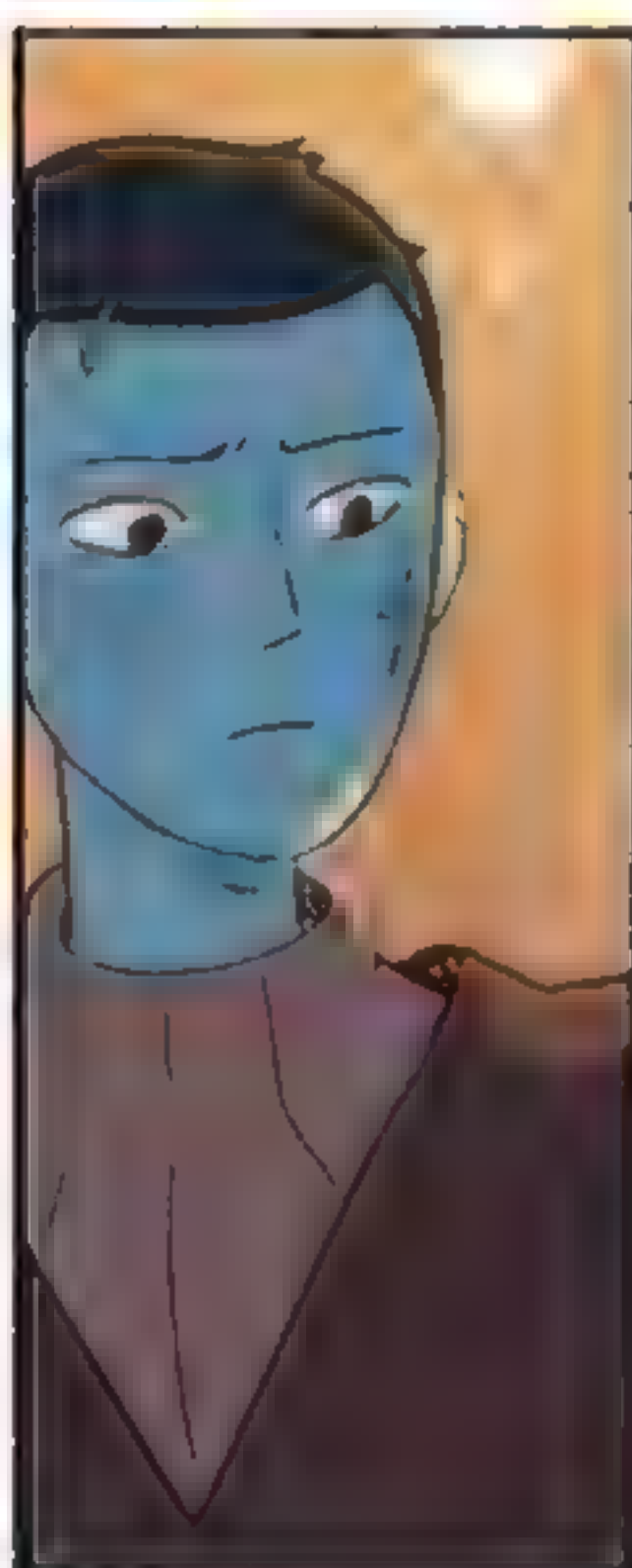
VECTOR, WE CAN'T RISK HAVING THEM CAPTURE OR KILL YOU.

GO TO OONA! HELP LIGHT THE LAST BEACON!



IN THE END, THE BEACONS WILL SAVE OUR WORLDS.

YOU LIT THE BLUE BEACON, VECTOR. OONA MAY NEED YOU.



WELL... I'D DO ANYTHING FOR OONA LEE.

WE ARE URGENTLY NEEDED ON GRIMBO (E)...



...WE CAN'T TAKE
A PASSENGER!

A PASSENGER?
THIS IS **VECTOR**
WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT! AND
OONA, WHO
NEEDS HIS HELP!



WE HAVE
ESSENTIAL
BUSINESS TO
TAKE CARE
OF FIRST....

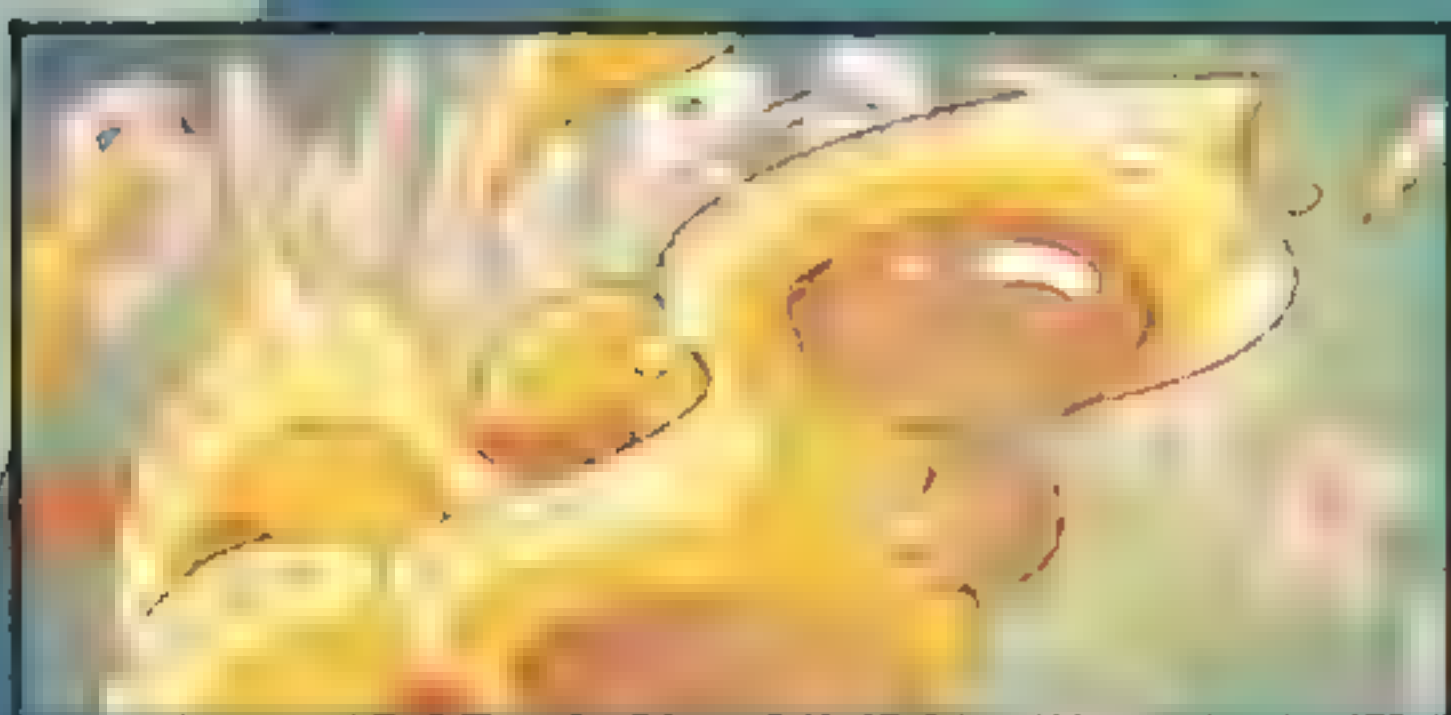
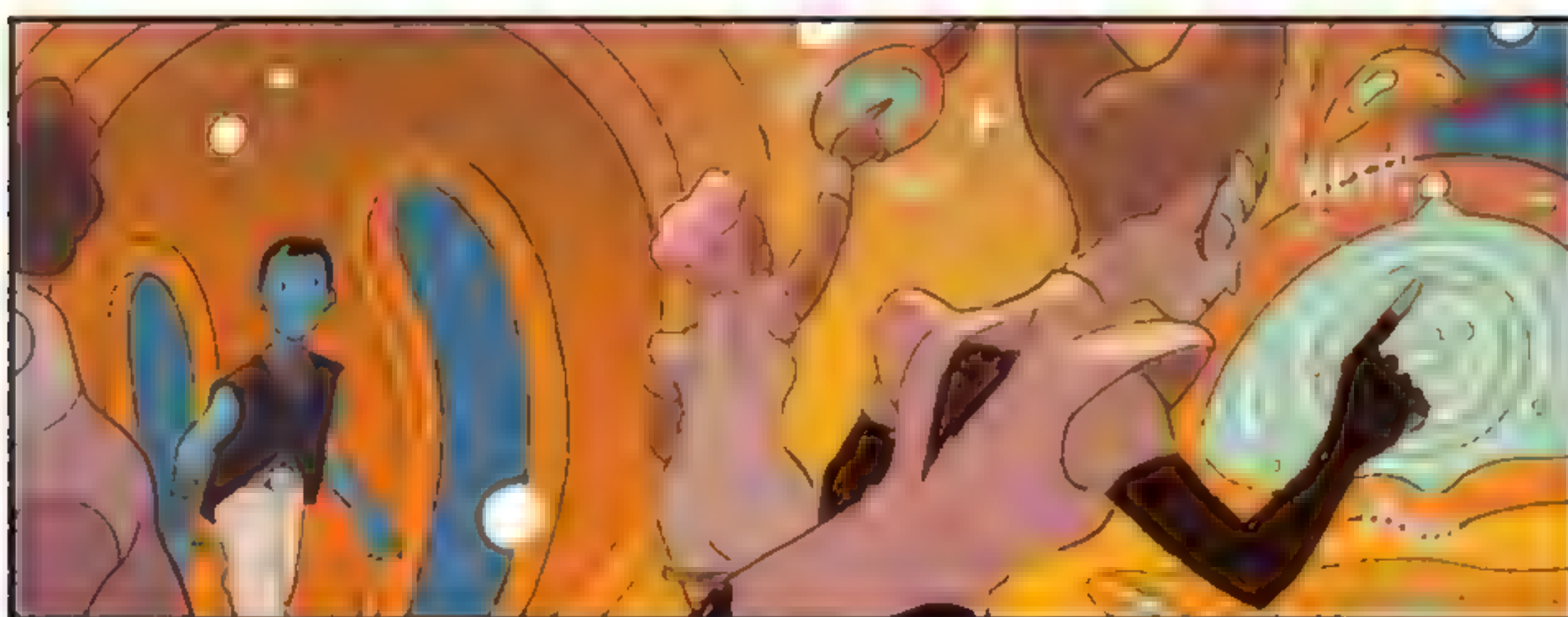
THEN DROP
VECTOR OFF ON
GRIMBO (E)
AND TAKE CARE
OF IT!

YOU OWE IT
TO THE ORDER
OF THE QUEEN'S
ARM. YOU MUST
TAKE VECTOR.

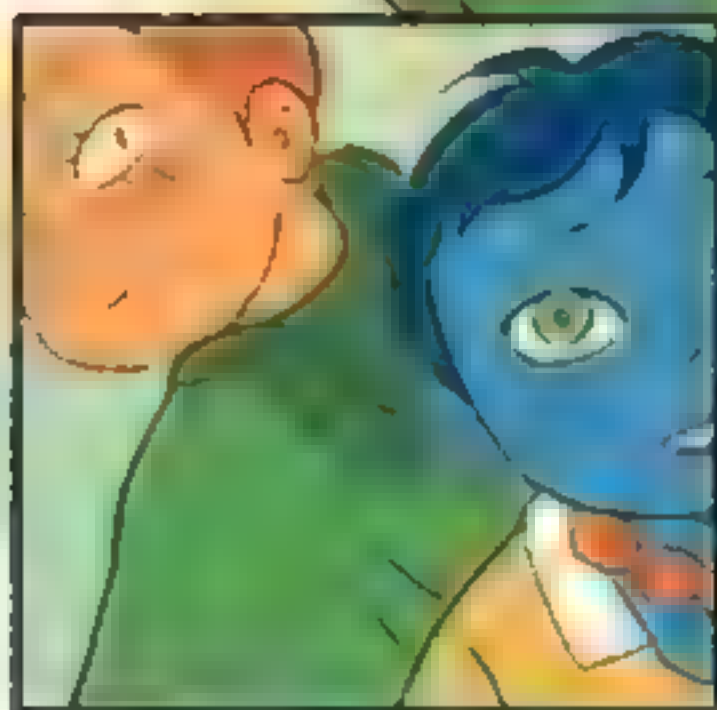


EVERYTHING WE'VE FOUGHT
FOR DEPENDS ON **LIGHTING**
THE LAST BEACON. WITHOUT
THAT, ALL IS LOST.

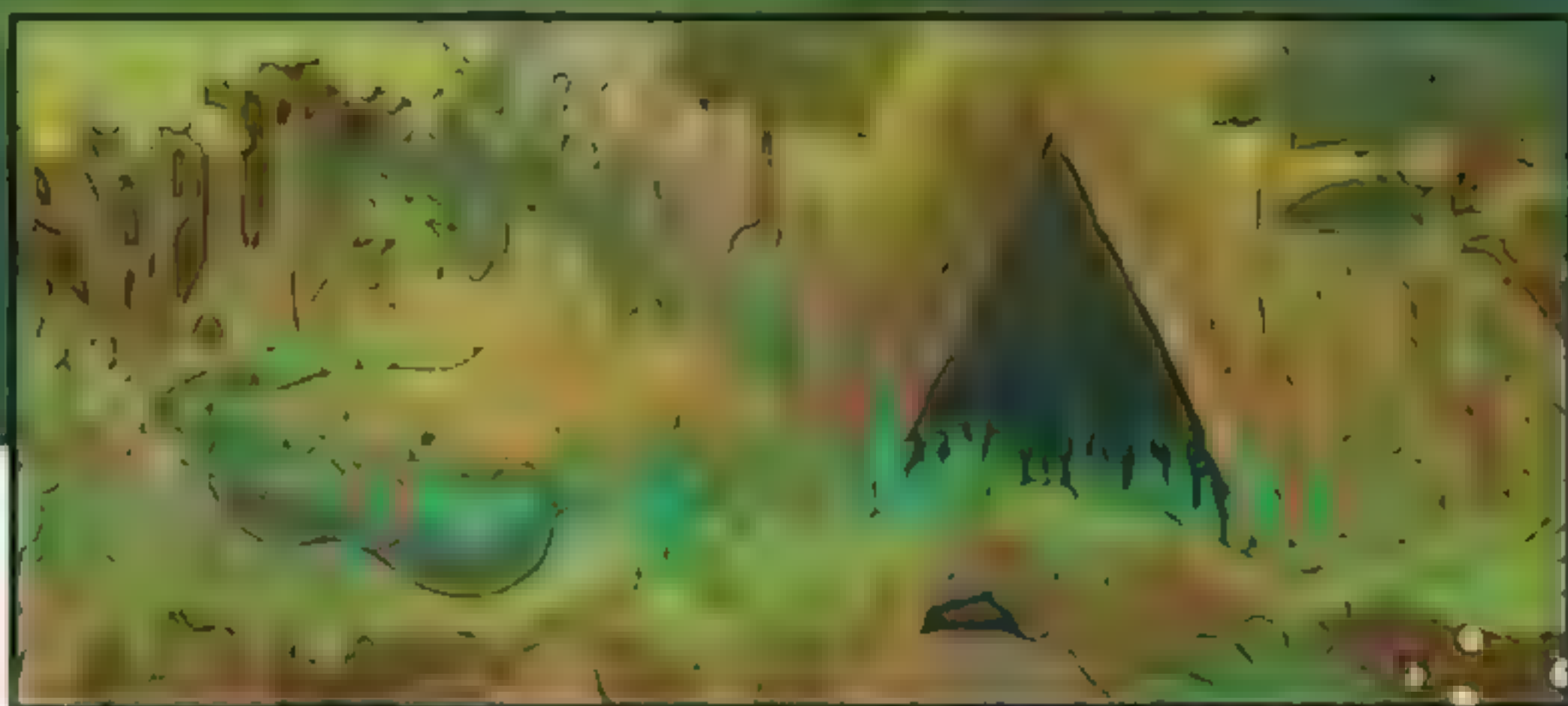
WHAT
BUSINESS
COULD THE
CAPTAINS HAVE
THAT'S MORE
ESSENTIAL THAN
SAVING THE
FIVE WORLDS?

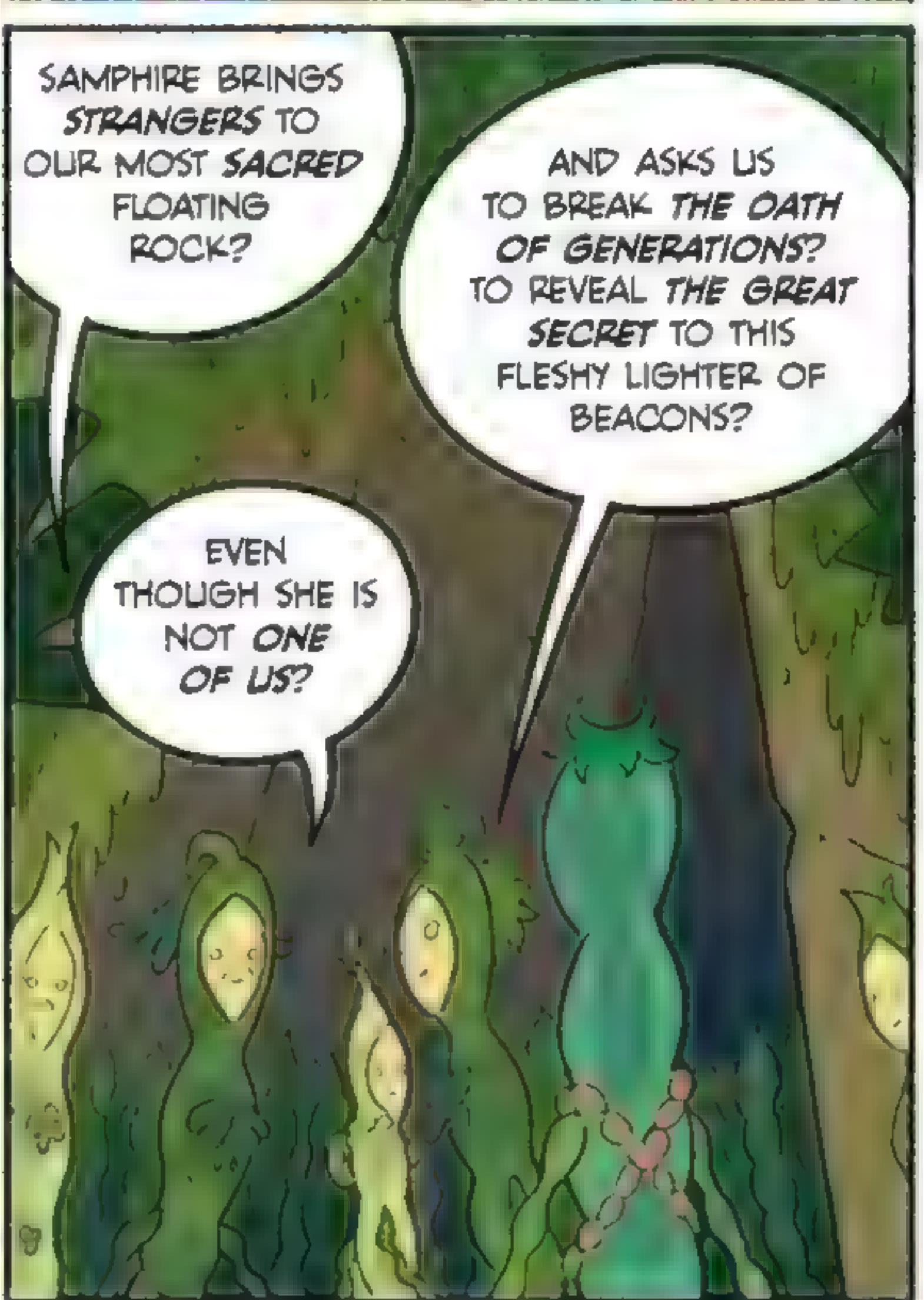
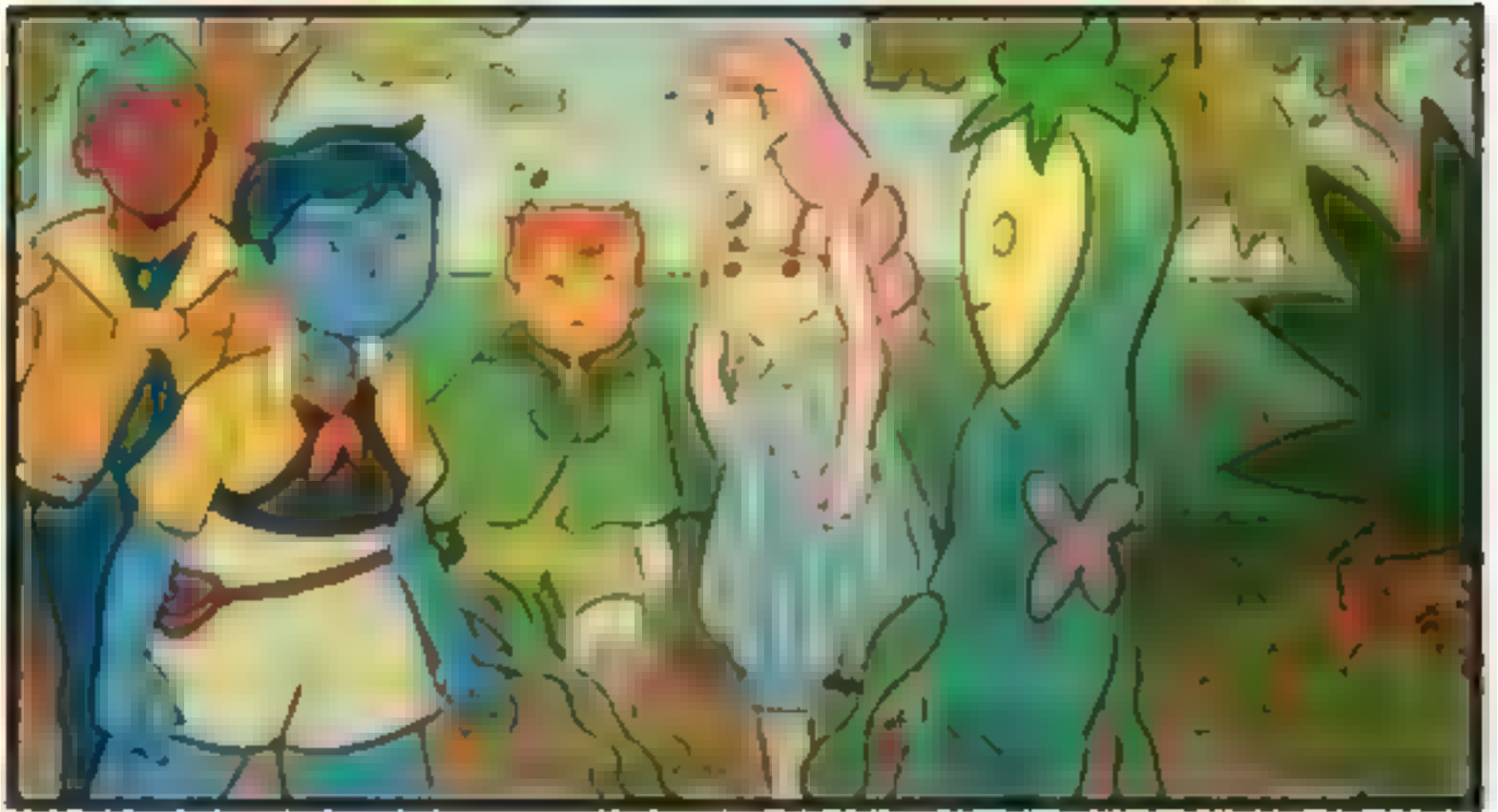


CHAPTER 3 THE WILLOW KING



WELCOME TO
FLOATING ROCK.
WE WILL ASK THE
GREAT WILLOW
KING FOR HELP.



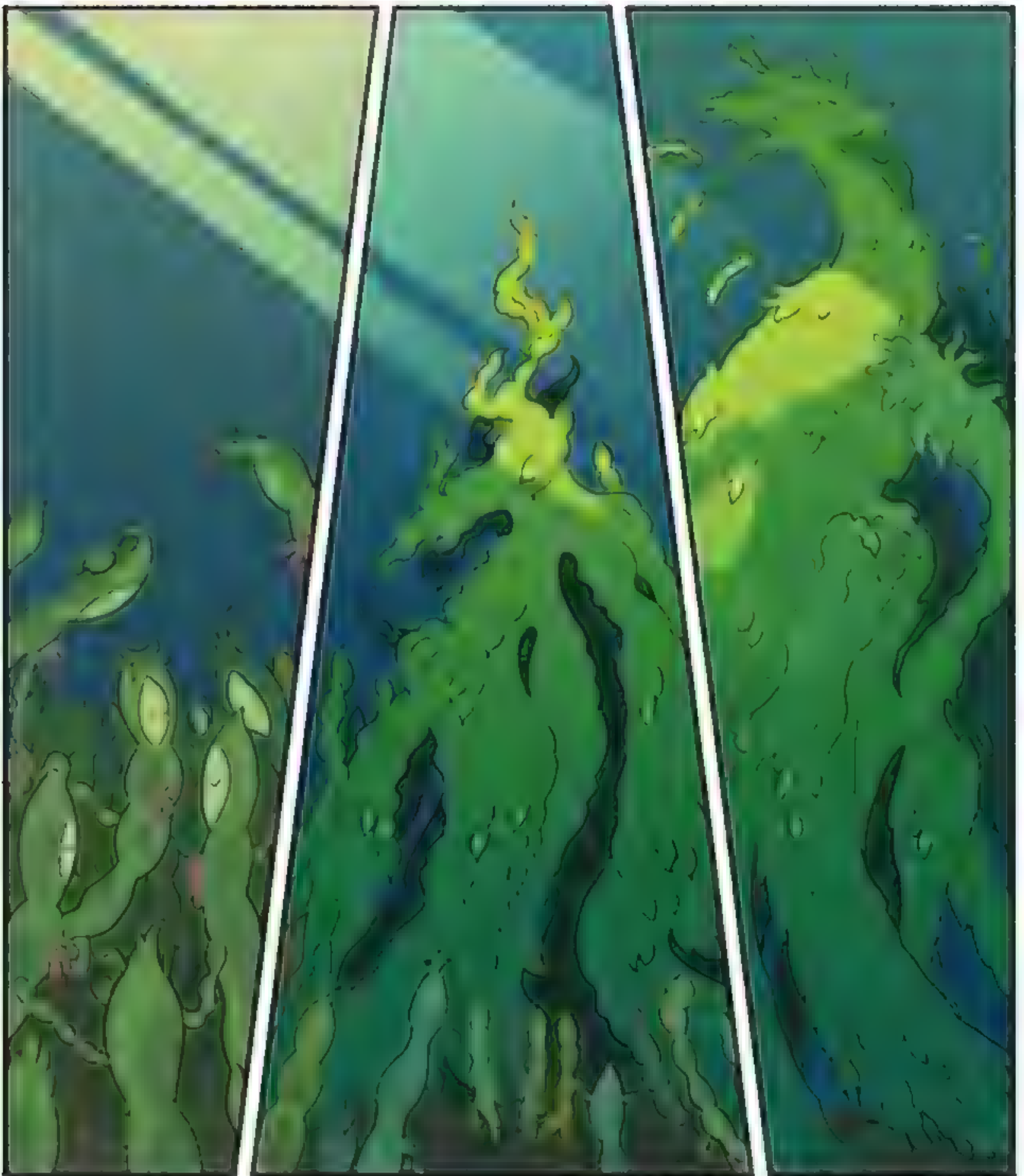


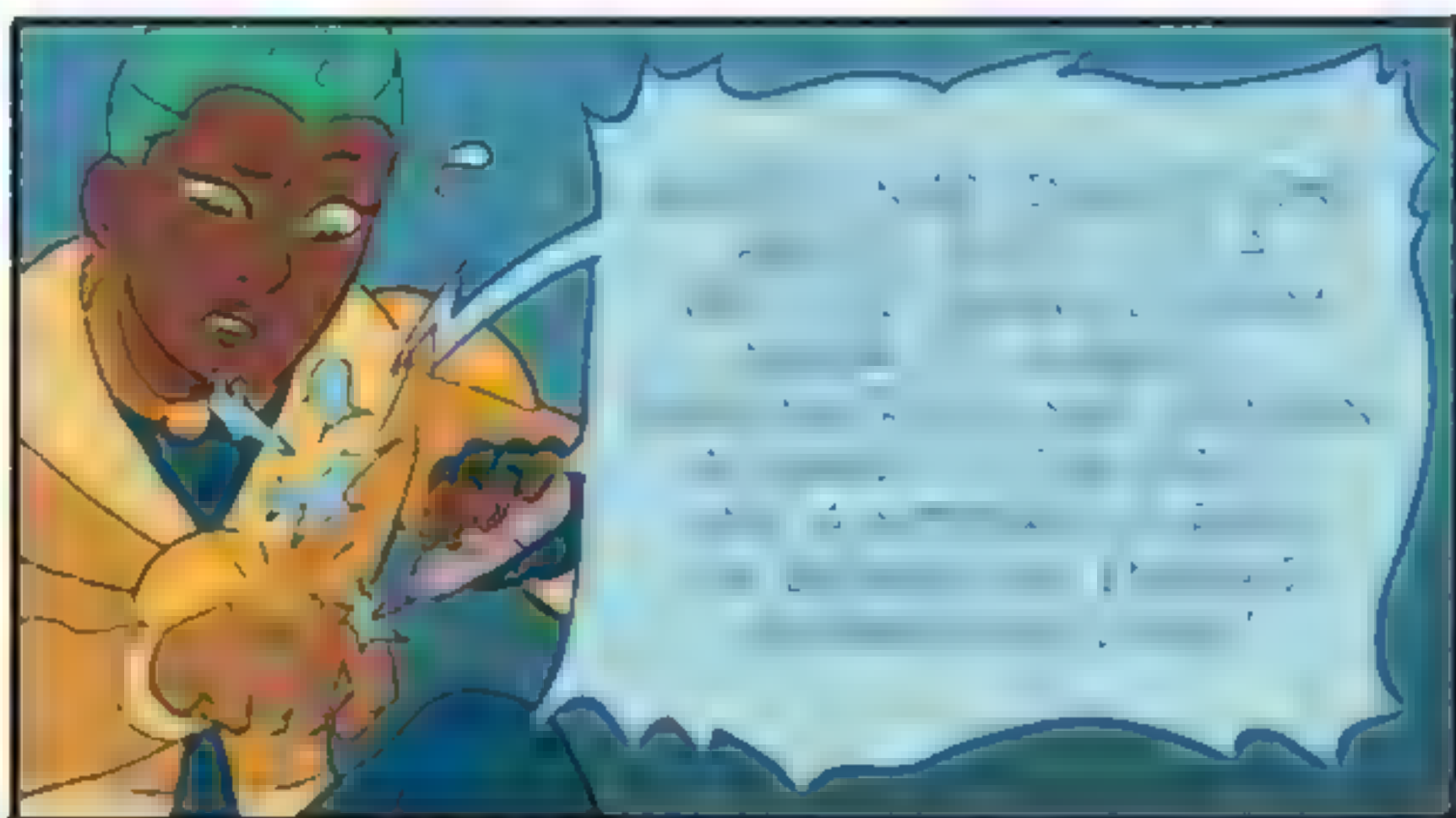
SAMPHIRE BRINGS
STRANGERS TO
OUR MOST *SACRED*
FLOATING
ROCK?

AND ASKS US
TO BREAK *THE OATH*
OF *GENERATIONS?*
TO REVEAL *THE GREAT*
SECRET TO THIS
FLESHY LIGHTER OF
BEACONS?

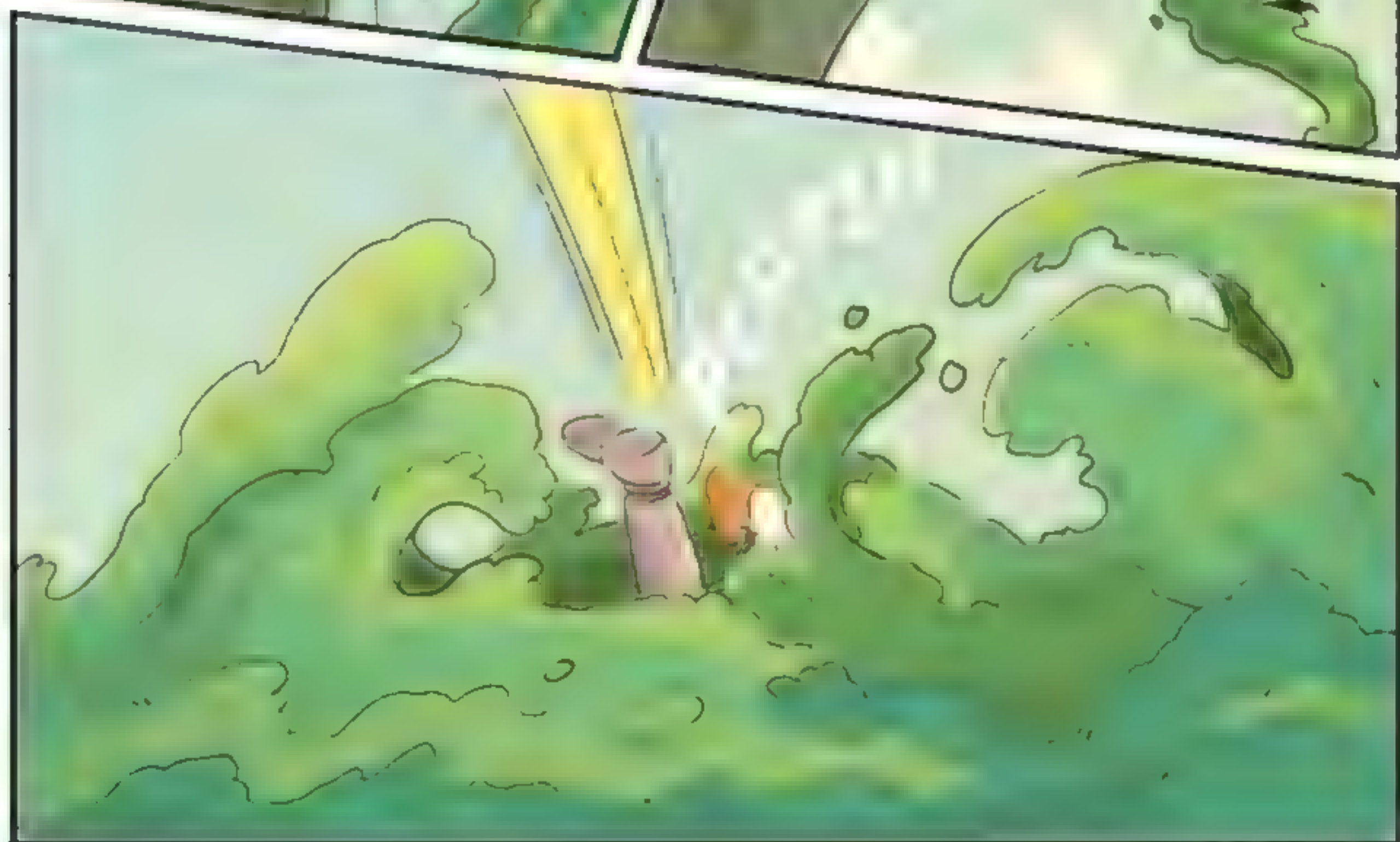
EVEN
THOUGH SHE IS
NOT *ONE*
OF *US?*

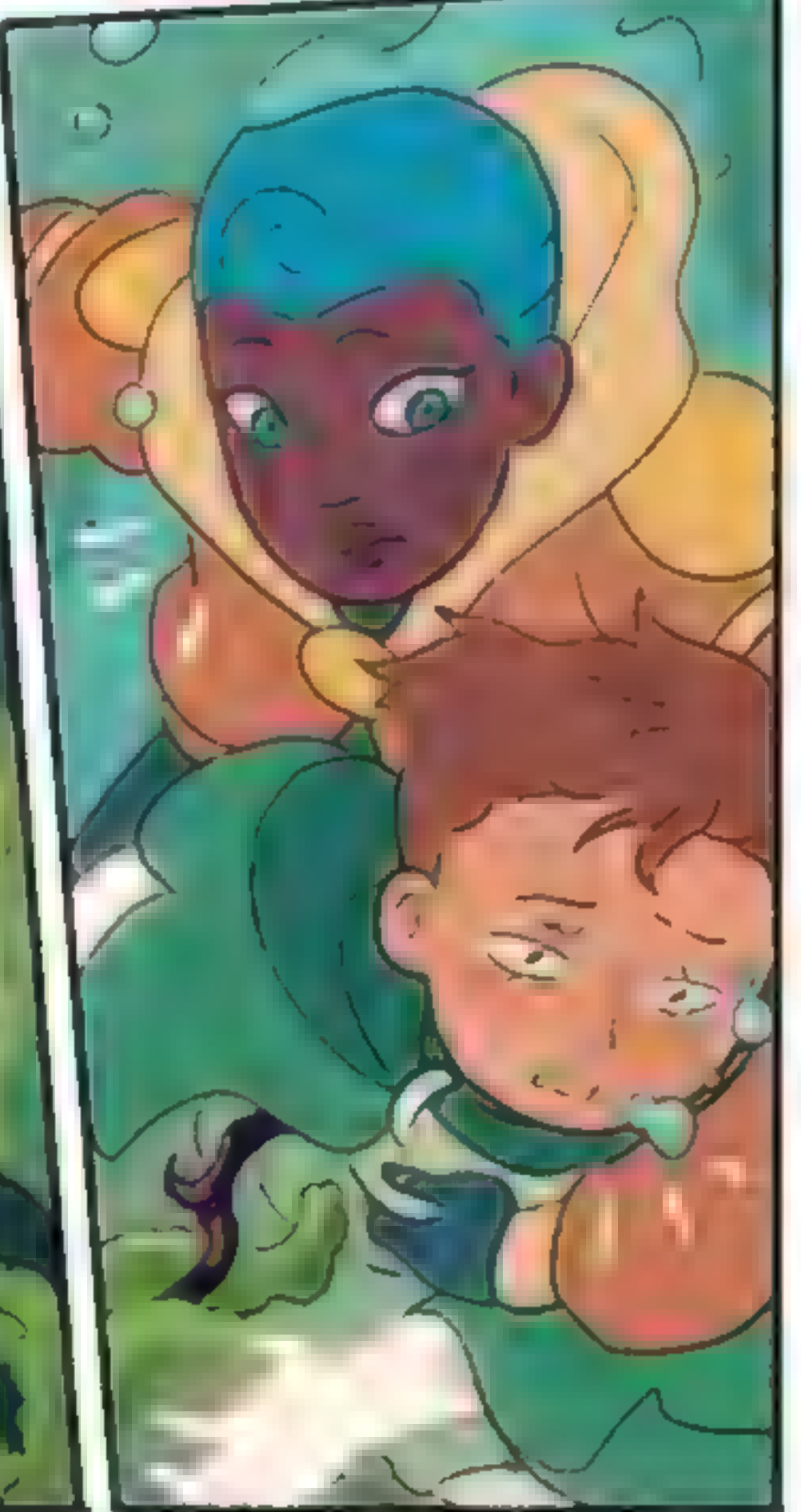
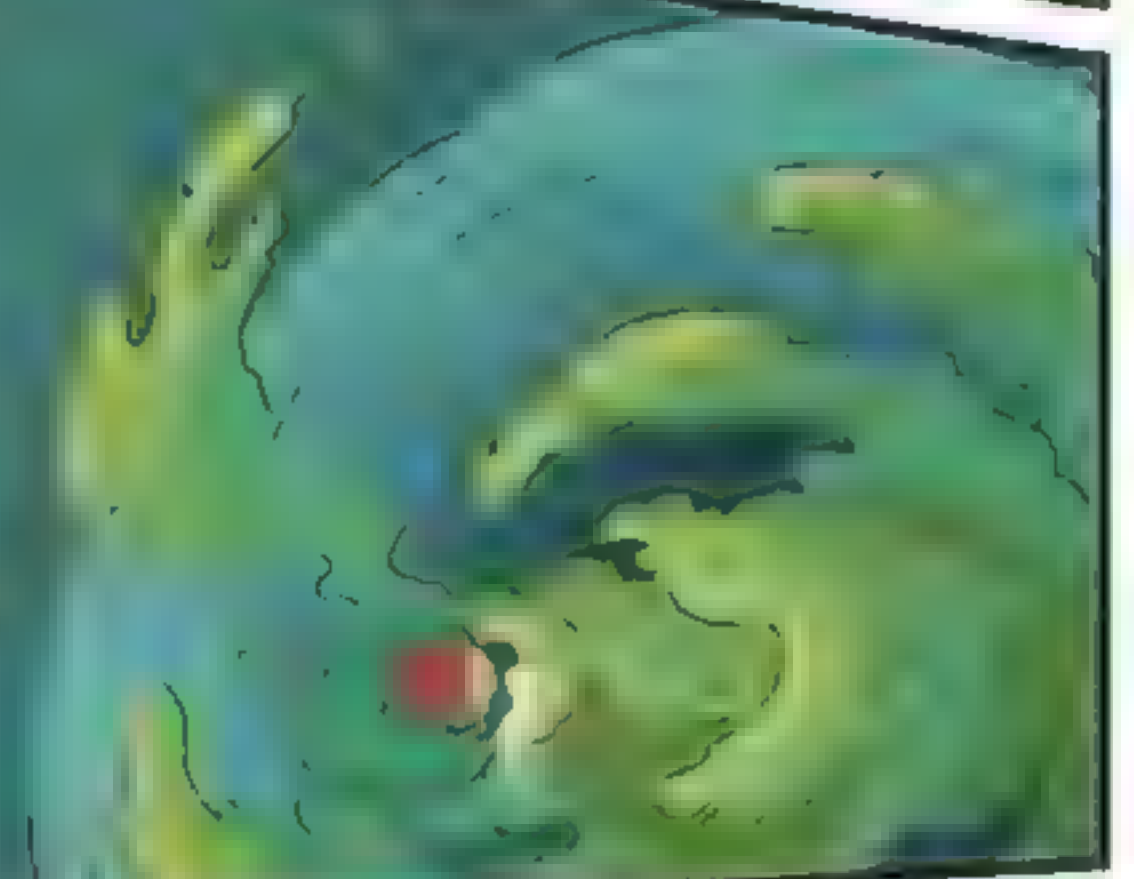
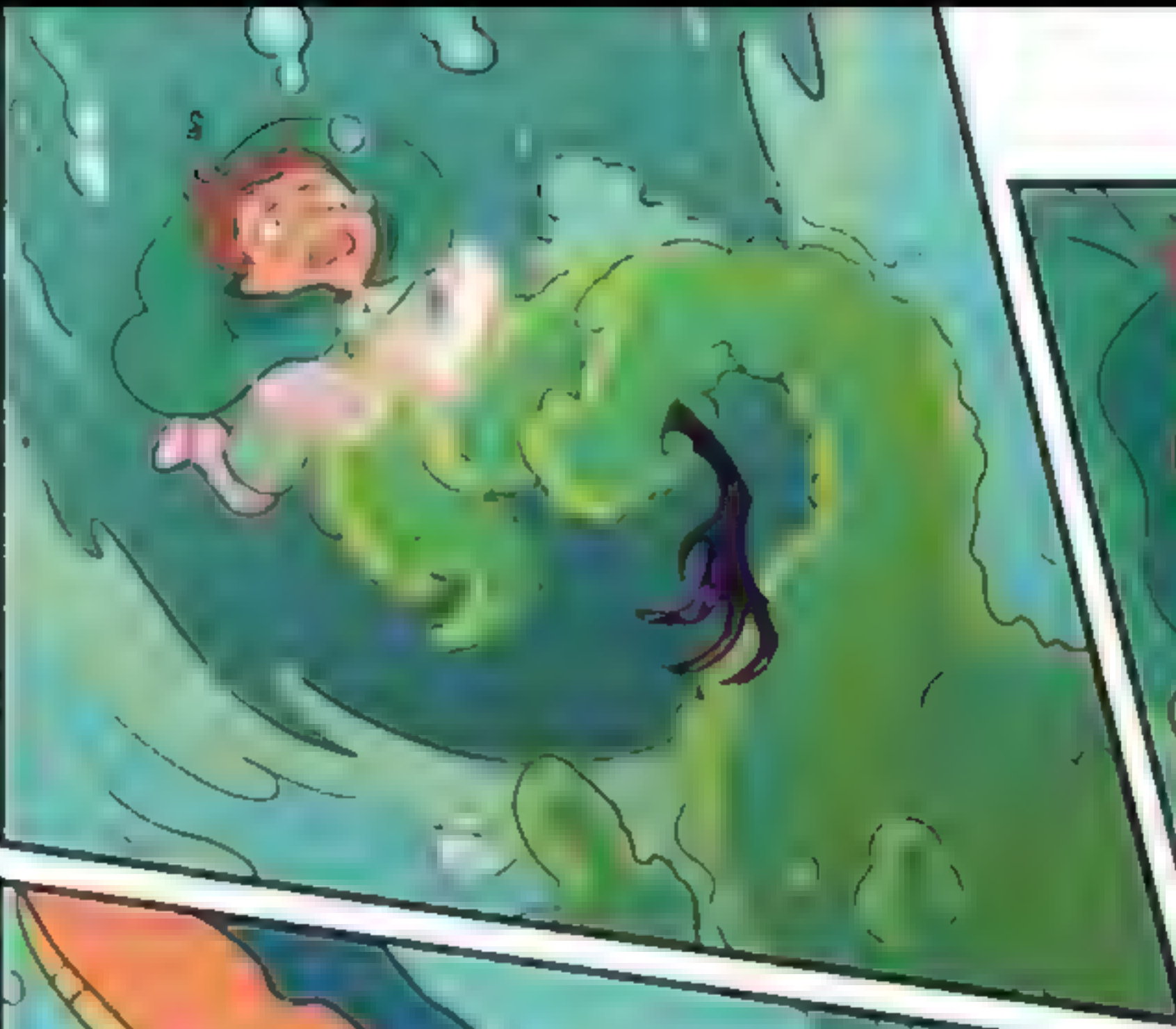
WE MUST ASK THE
WILLOW KING.

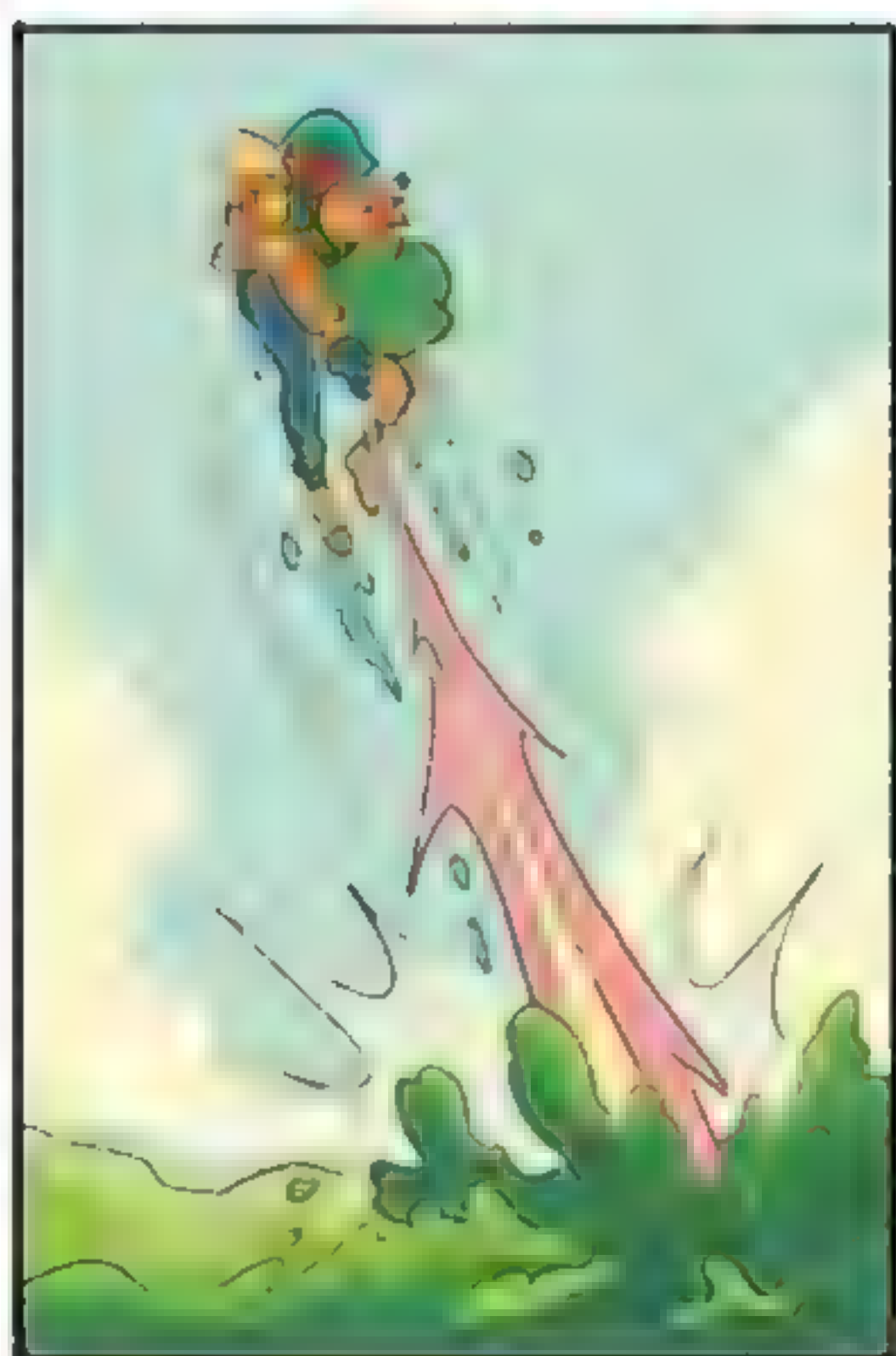














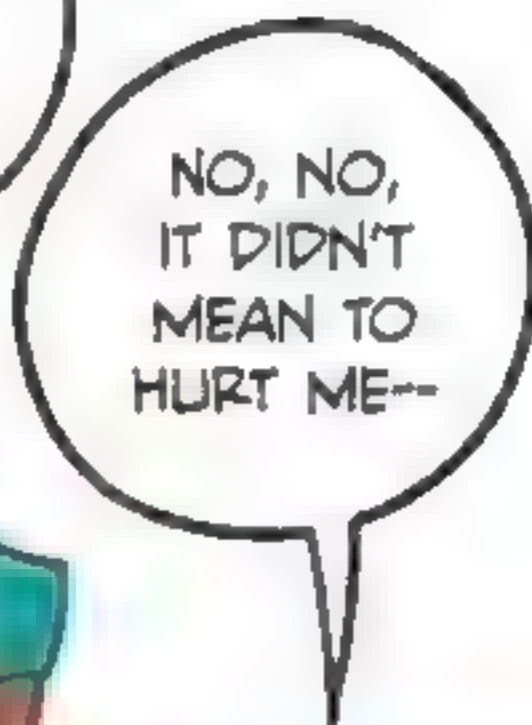
COUGH!

COUGH!
COUGH!

JAX!
THAT MOSS
COULD HAVE
DEVLOURED YOU!



YOU TOO,
AN TZU! I
COULDN'T--



NO, NO,
IT DIDN'T
MEAN TO
HURT ME--

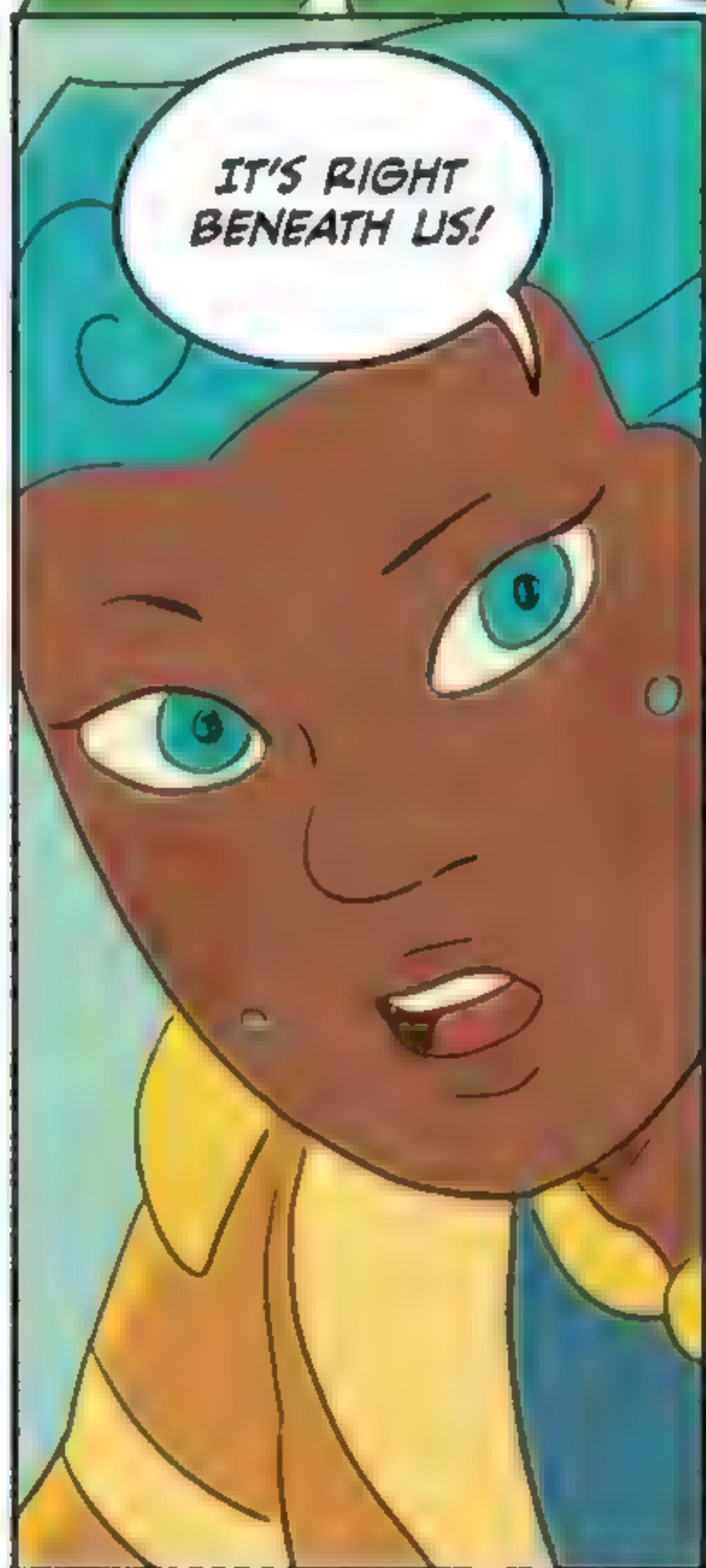


WHAT
HAPPENED?!




DONA!
NO WONDER
NO ONE HAS SEEN
THE BEACON!!

WHAT? WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?



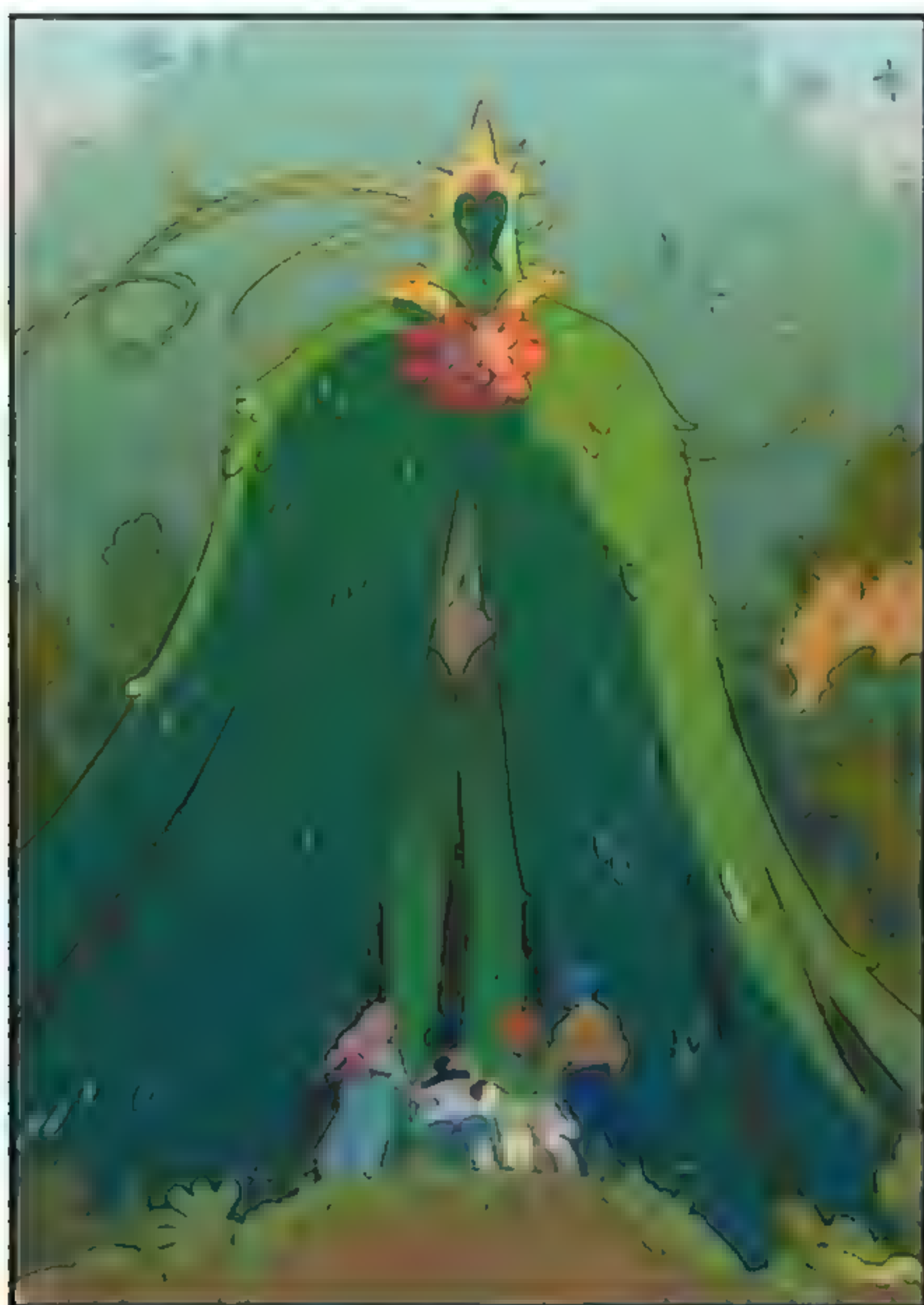
IT'S RIGHT
BENEATH US!



IT'S
UNDERWATER,
ON THE OCEAN
FLOOR!!

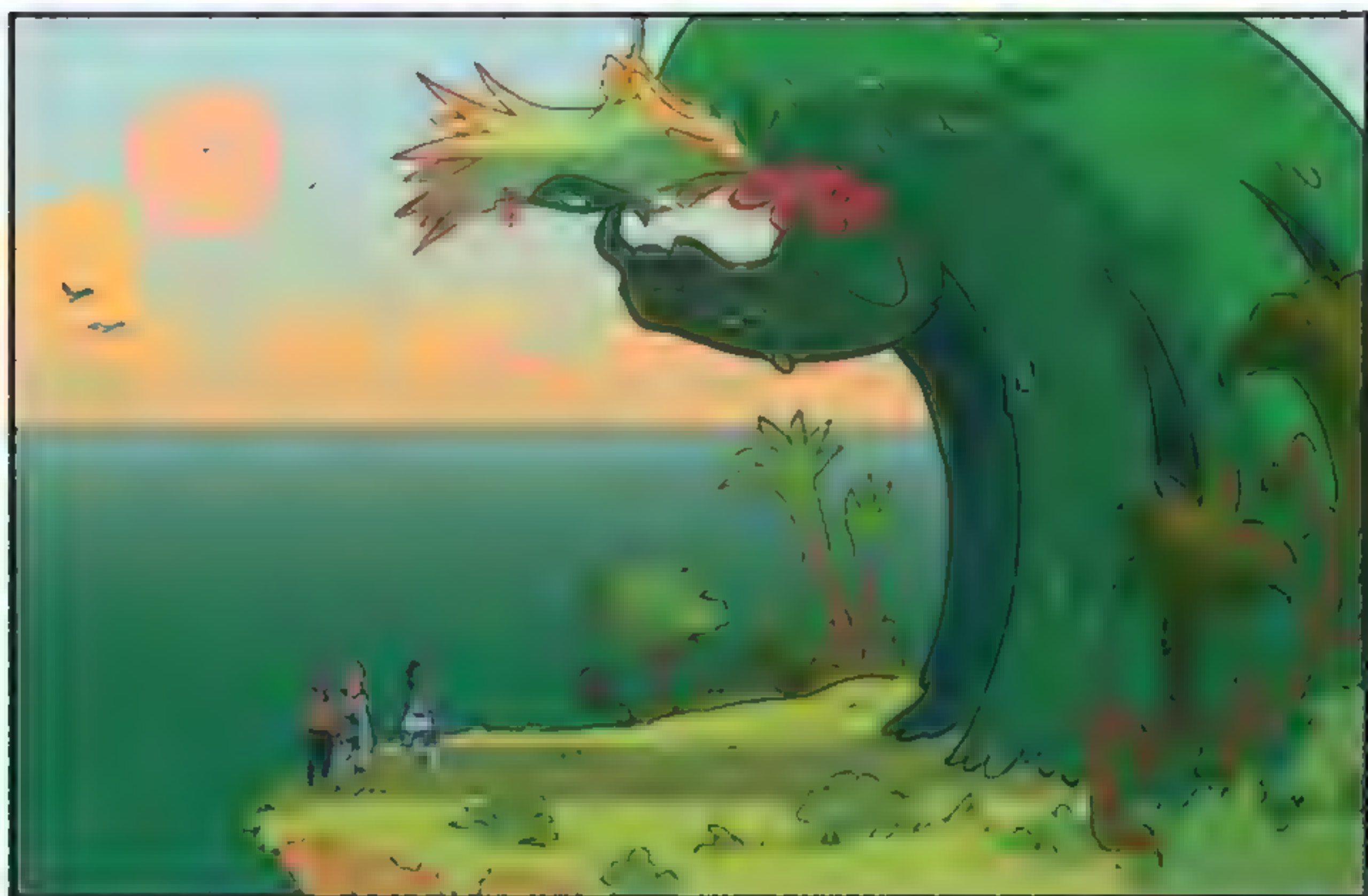
STRAIGHT
UNDER
FLOATING
ROCK! WE
SAW IT!!

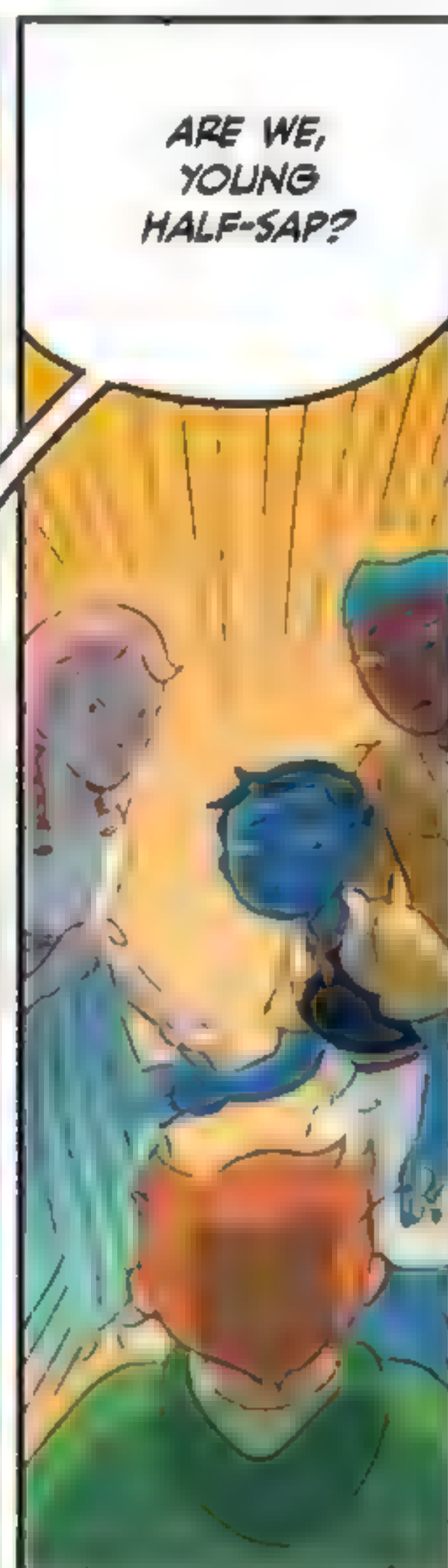
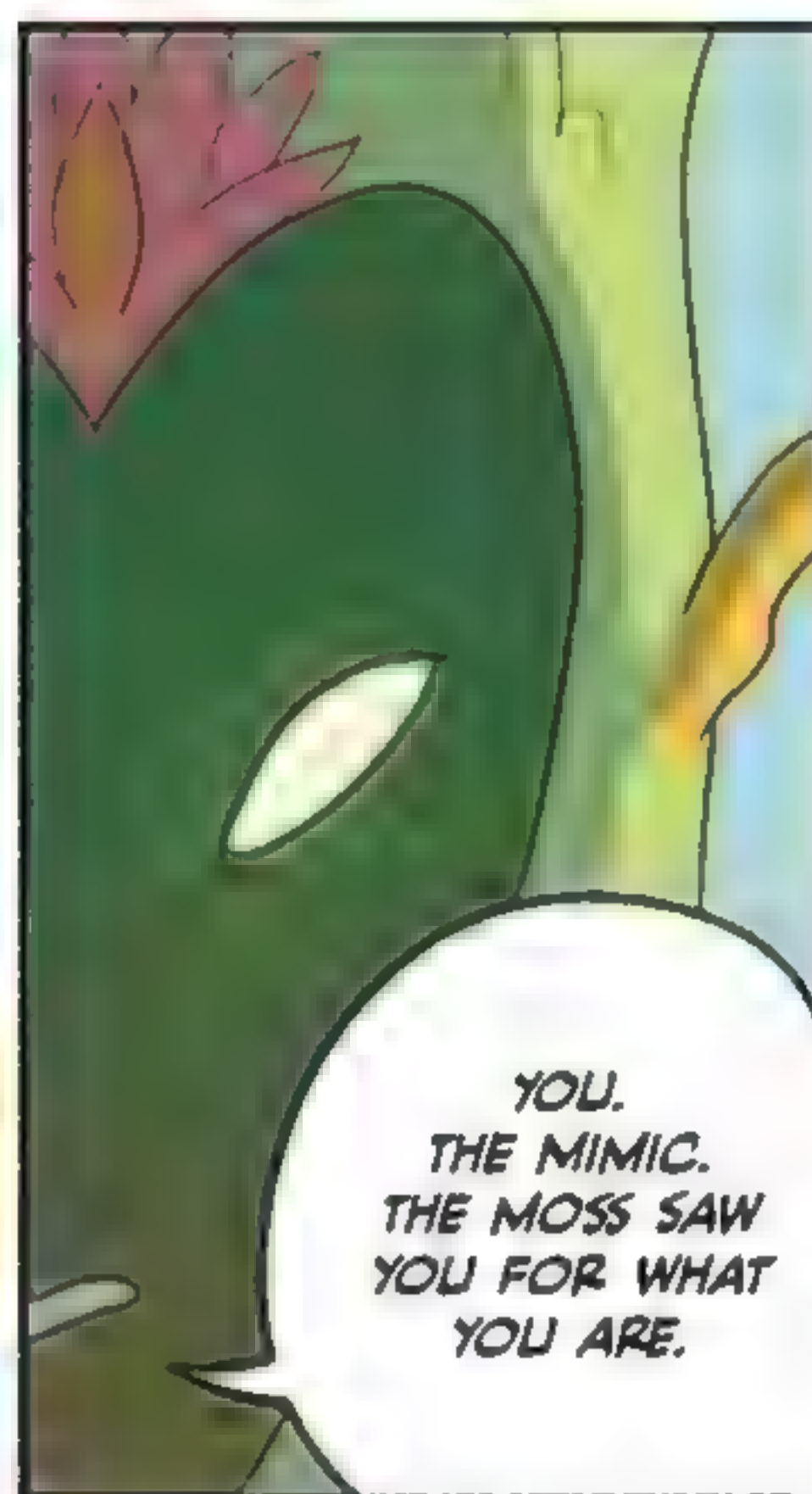




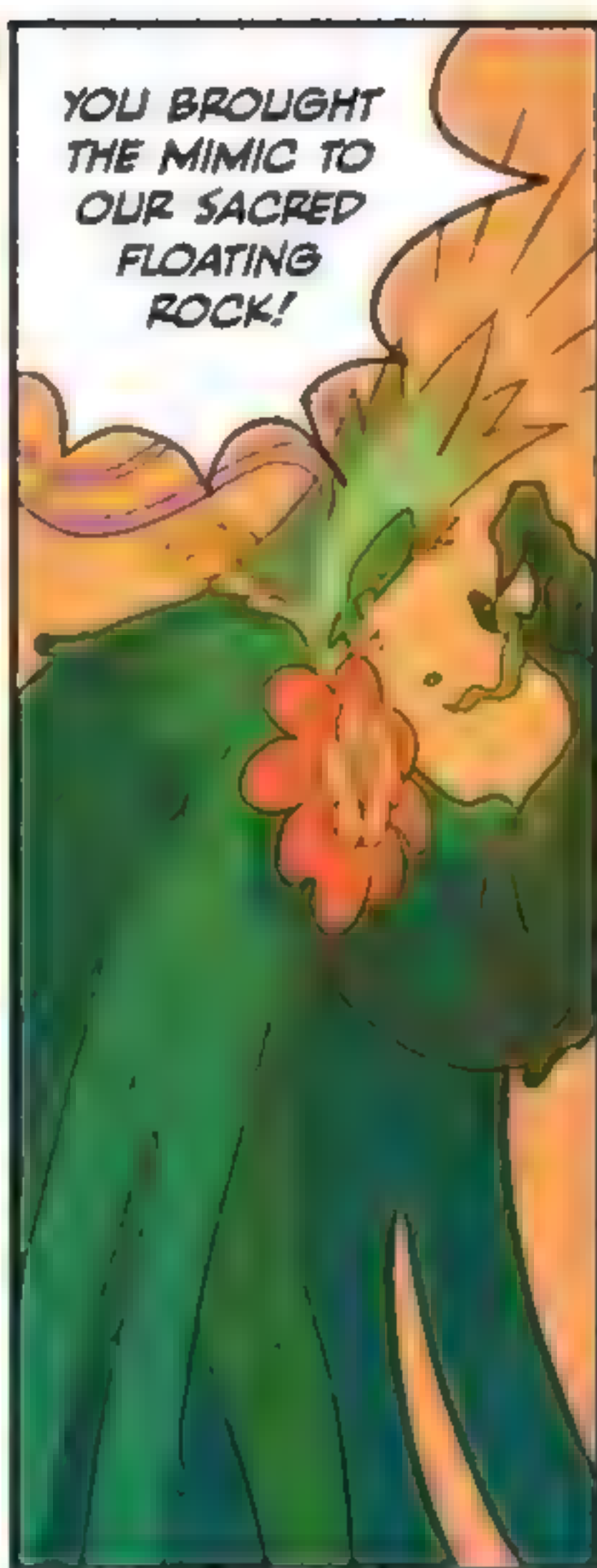
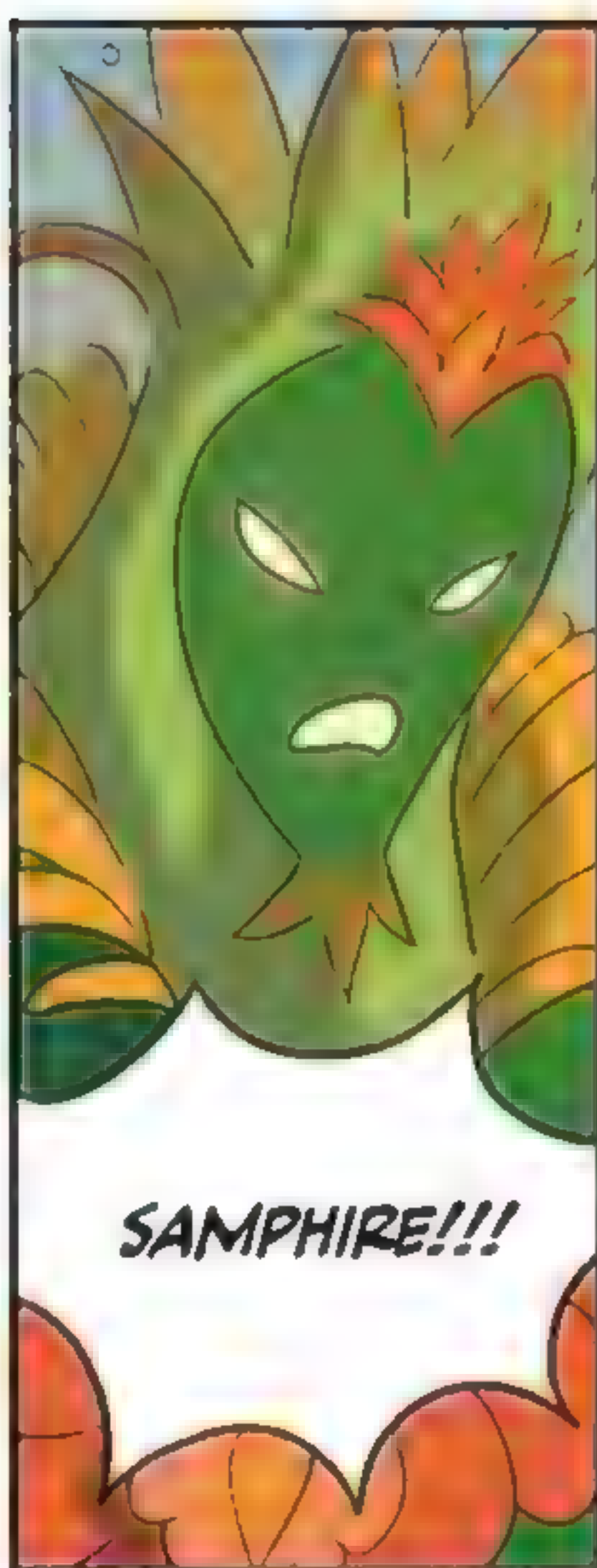
GREETINGS,
**GREAT WILLOW
KING!** I'M SORRY WE
DIDN'T KNOW YOU
WERE READY!

WILL YOU SHOW
US THE WAY TO
THE BEACON?



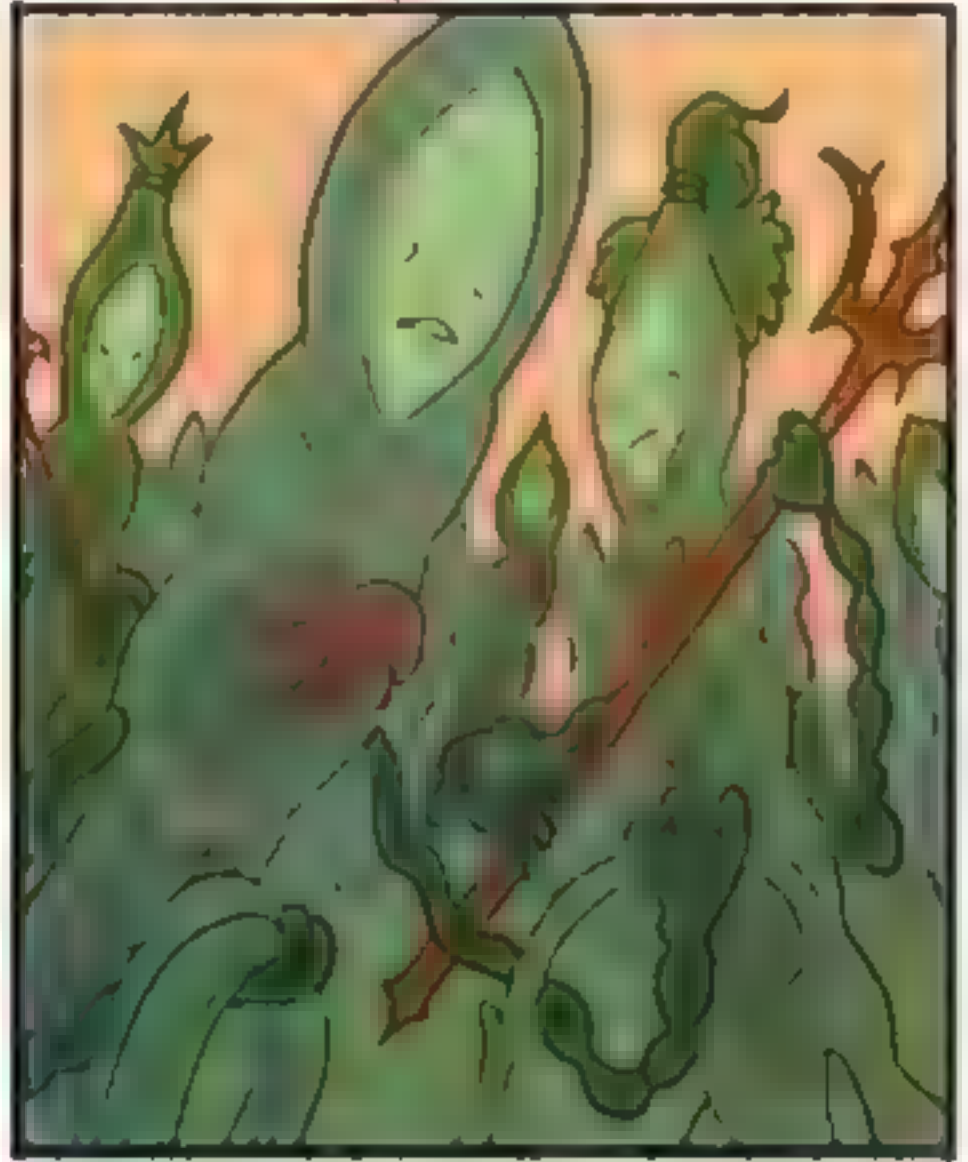
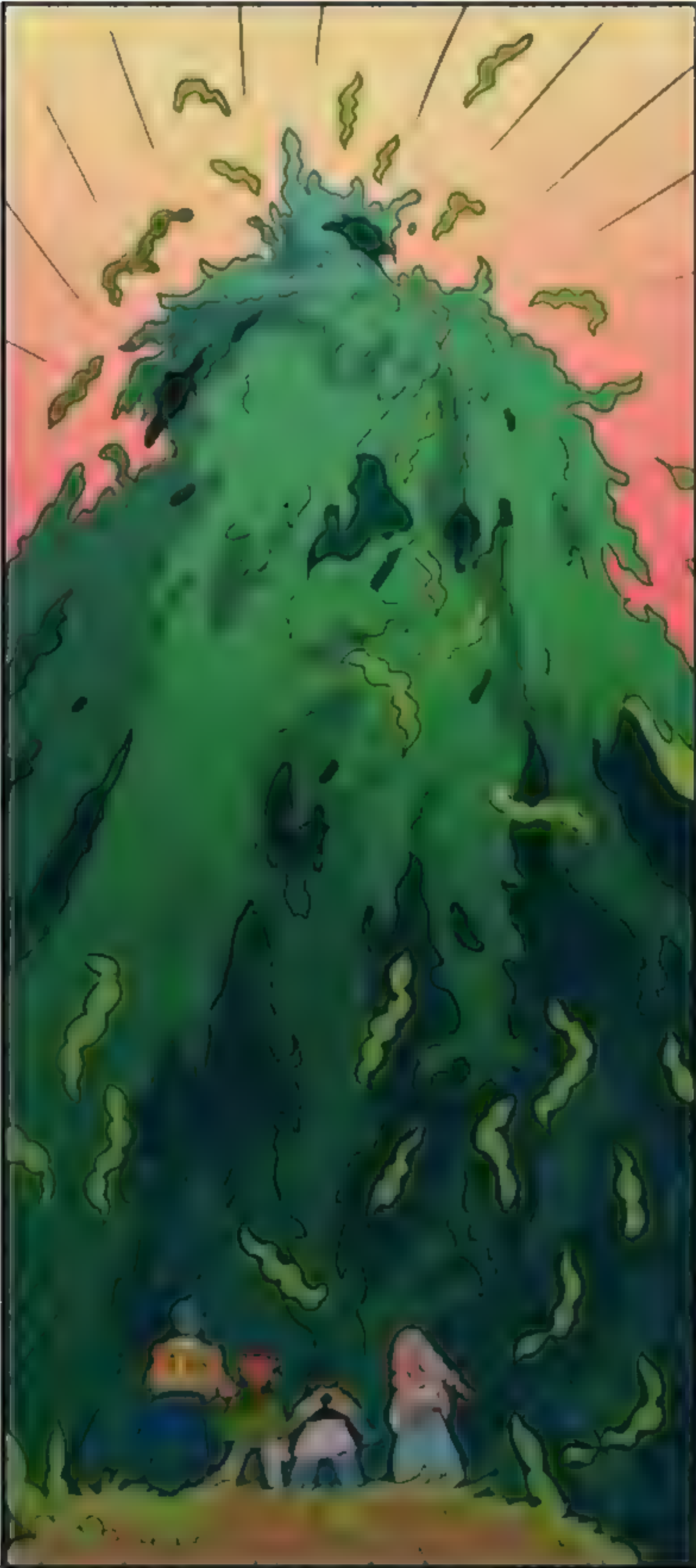


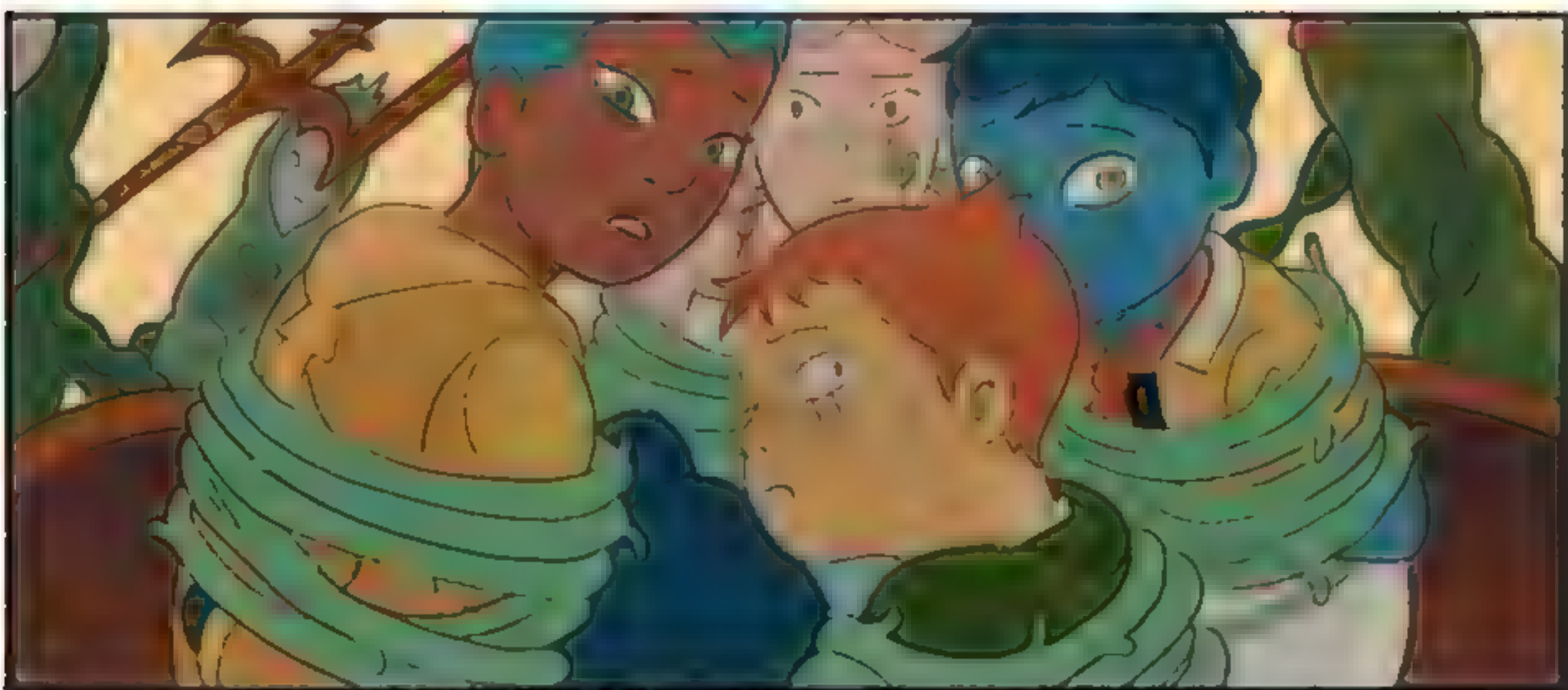
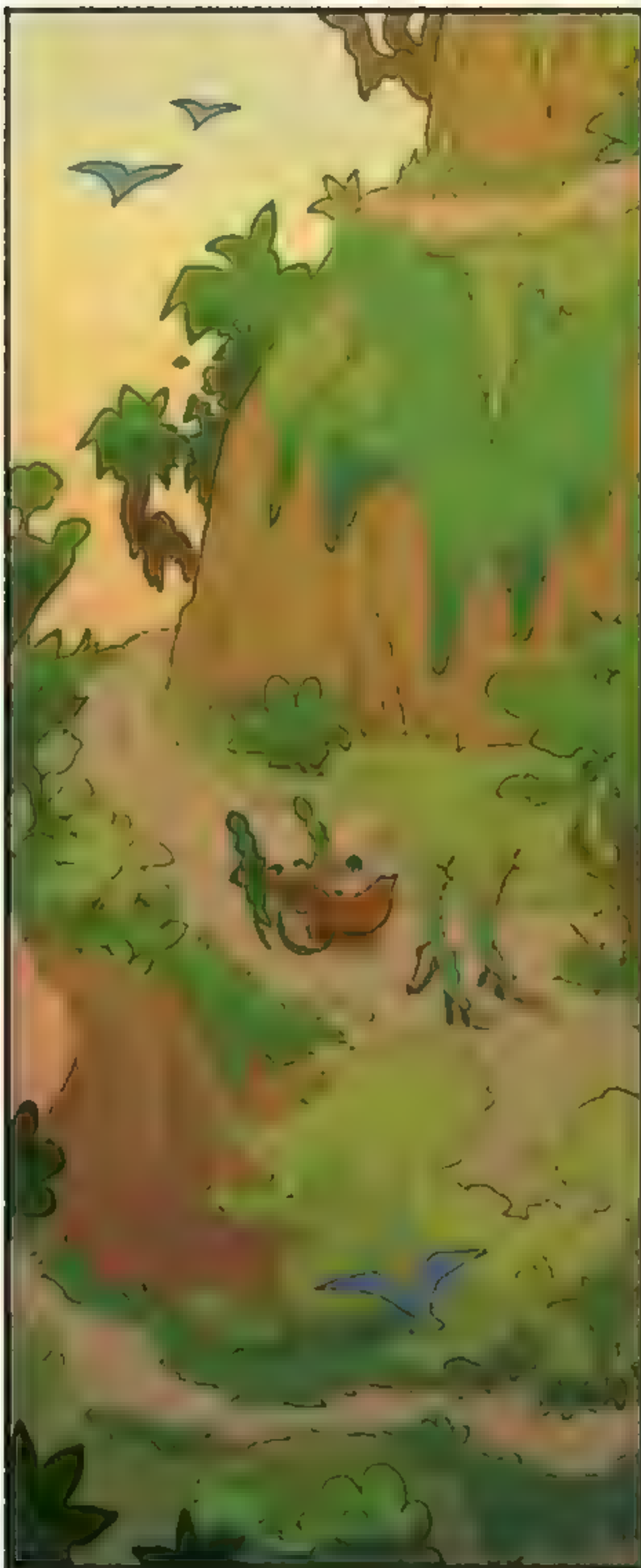
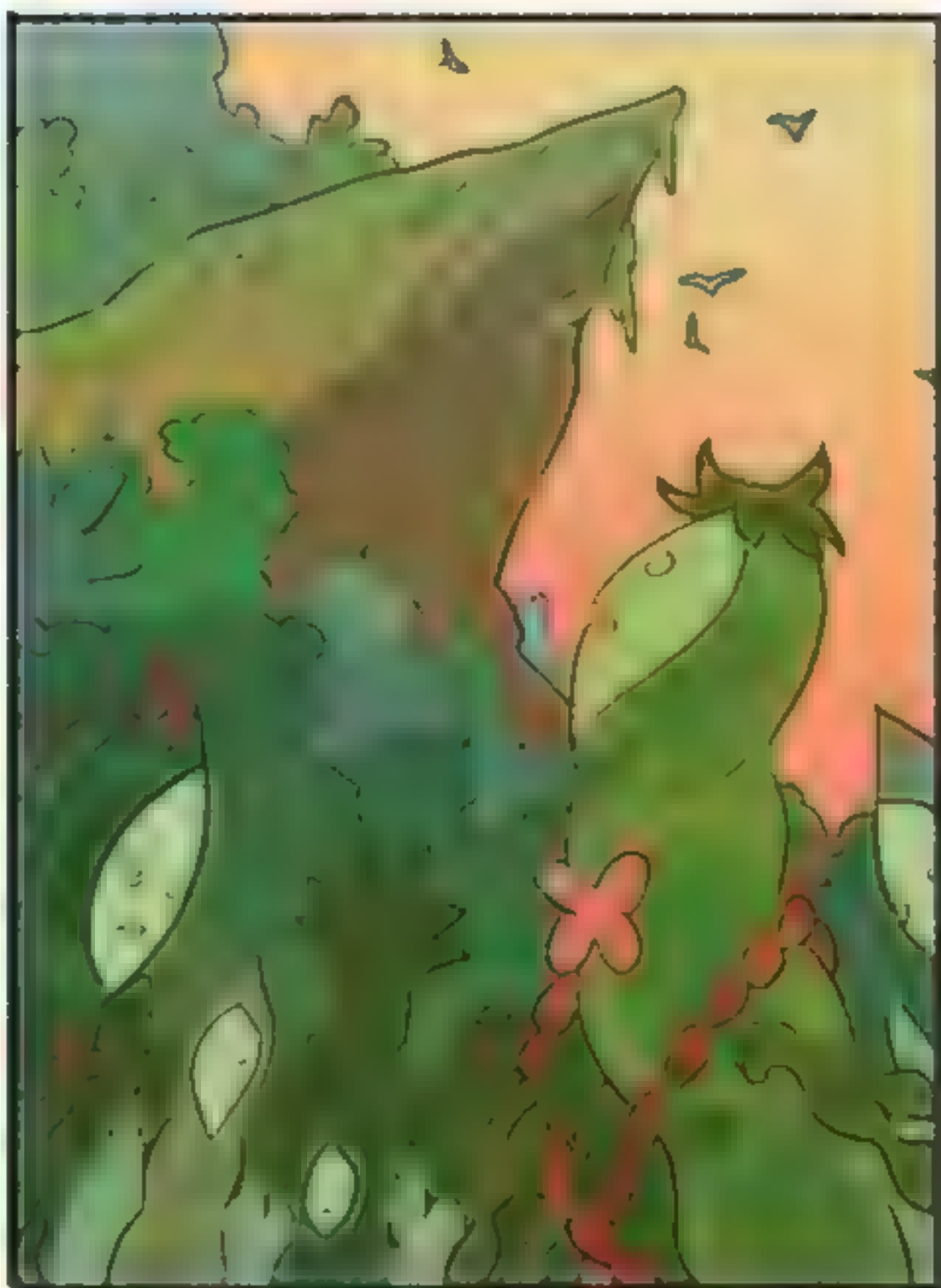
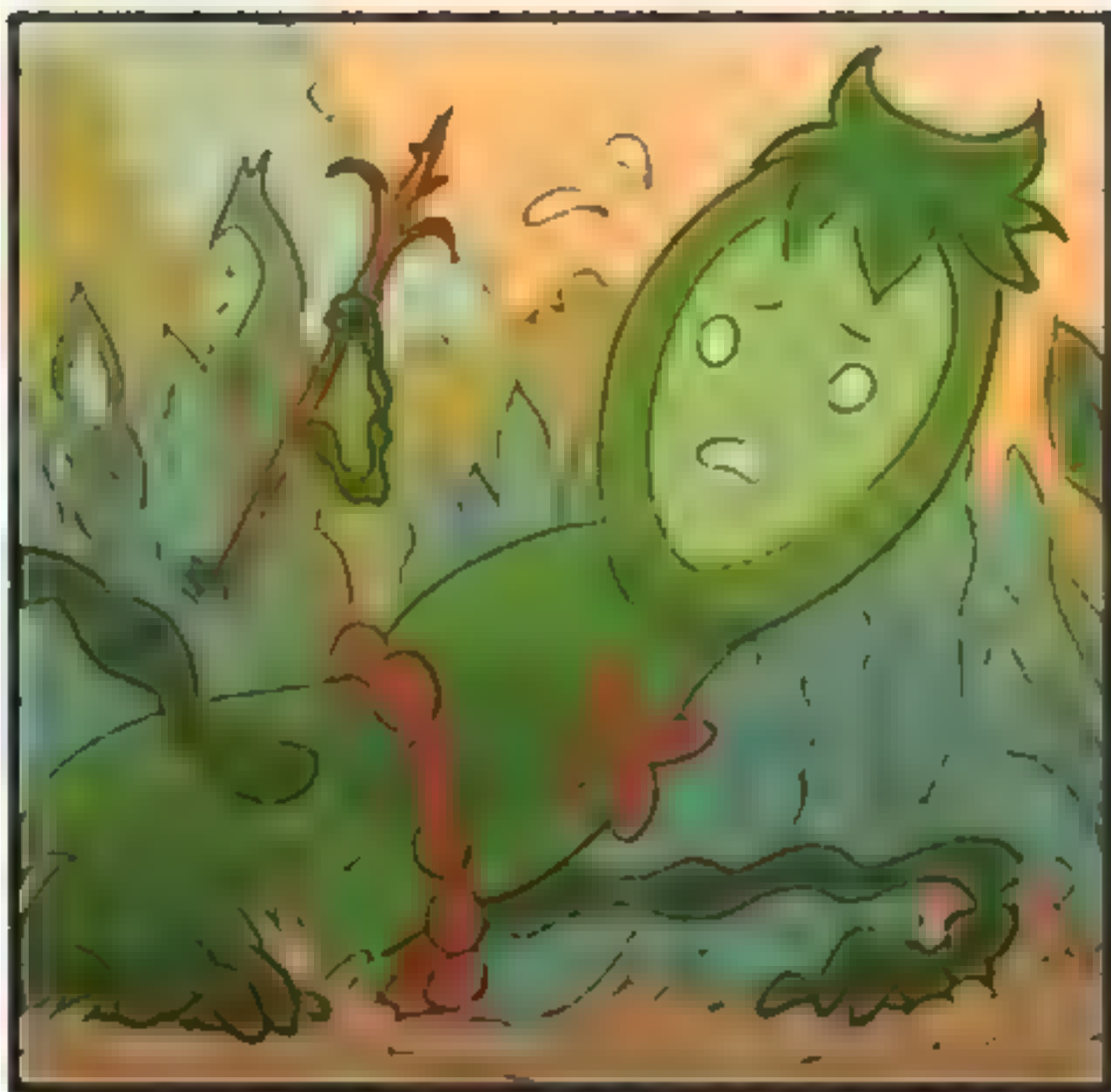






NO! DO NOT HURT
MY FRIENDS! I LED
THEM HERE!







FORGIVE
ME. I HAVE
BROUGHT YOU
TO YOUR
DEATHS.



NO, I ALONE
AM RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS! YOU
HAVE TO LET MY
FRIENDS GO!

SAMPHIRE! YOU KNOW
THIS IS WRONG! YOU KNOW
WE MUST LIGHT THE LAST
BEACON, NO MATTER
WHAT!



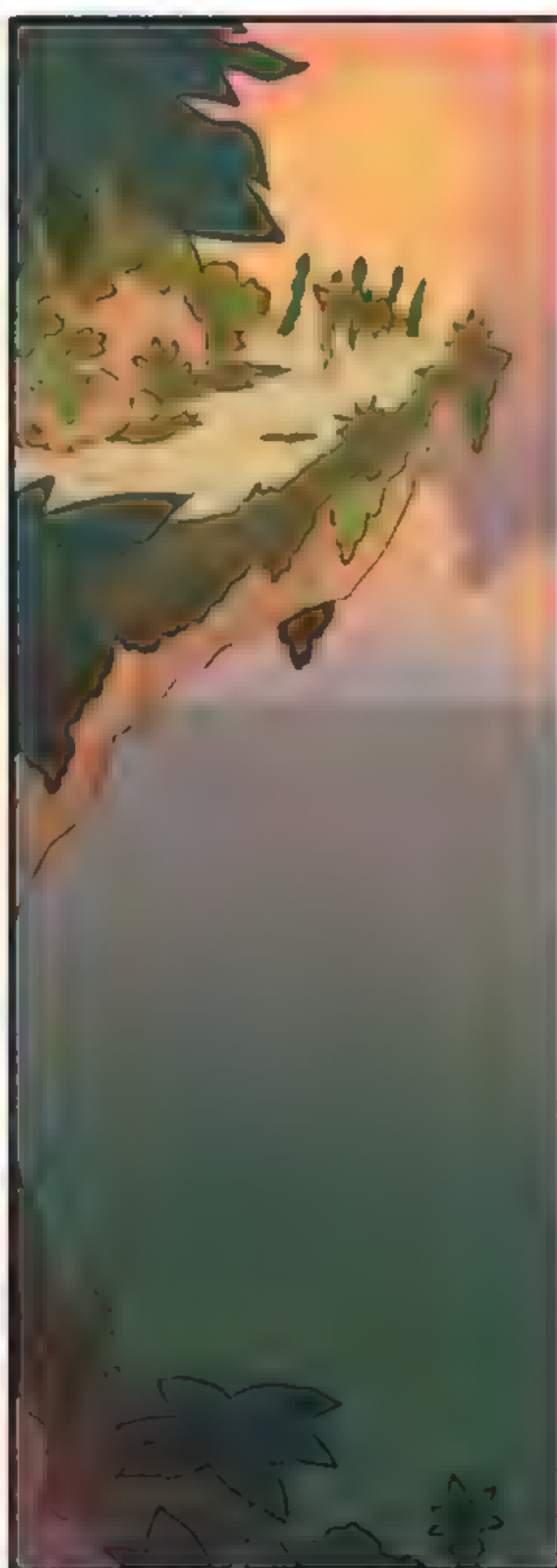
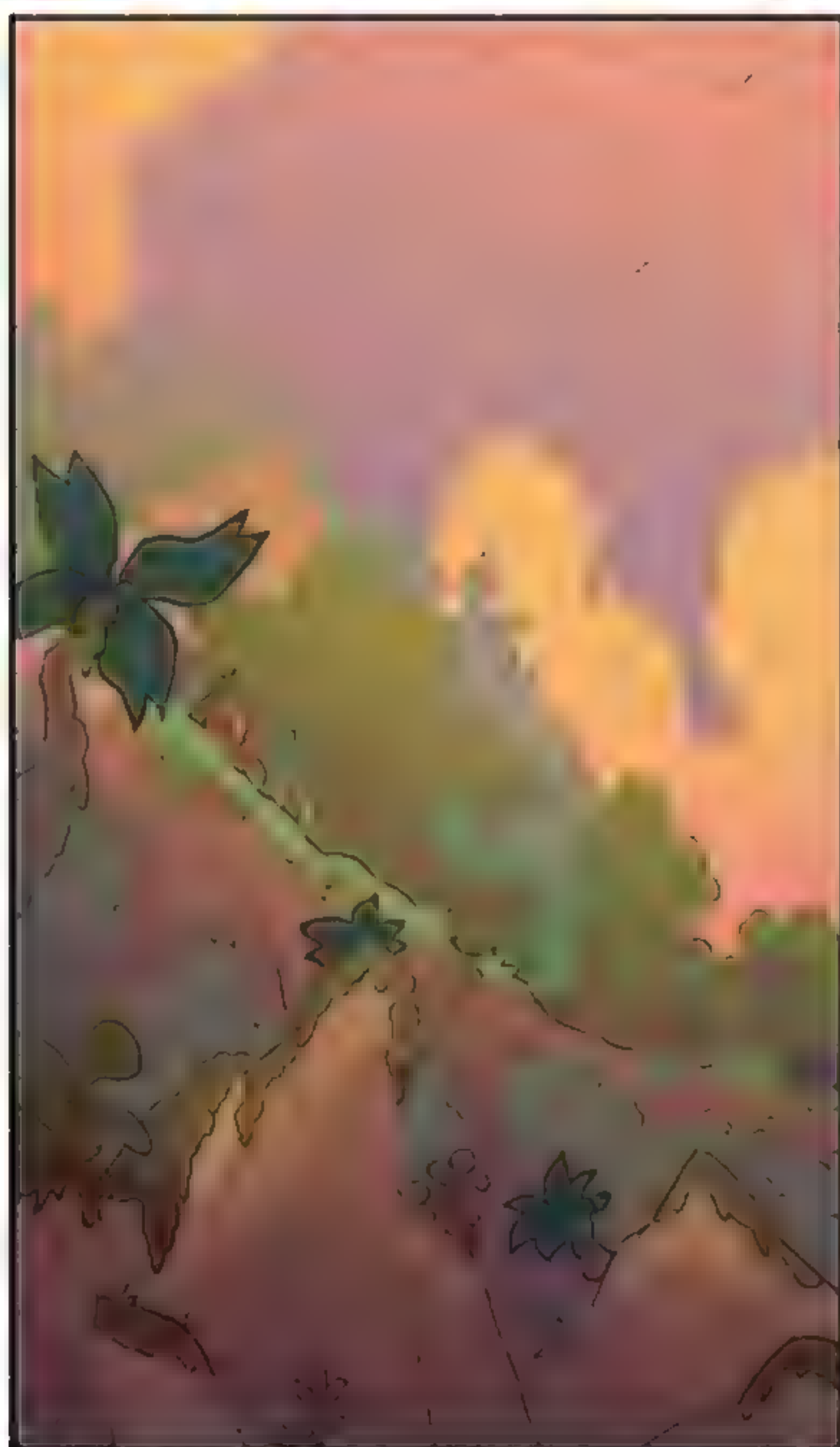
THE WORD OF
THE WILLOW KING
IS LAW.



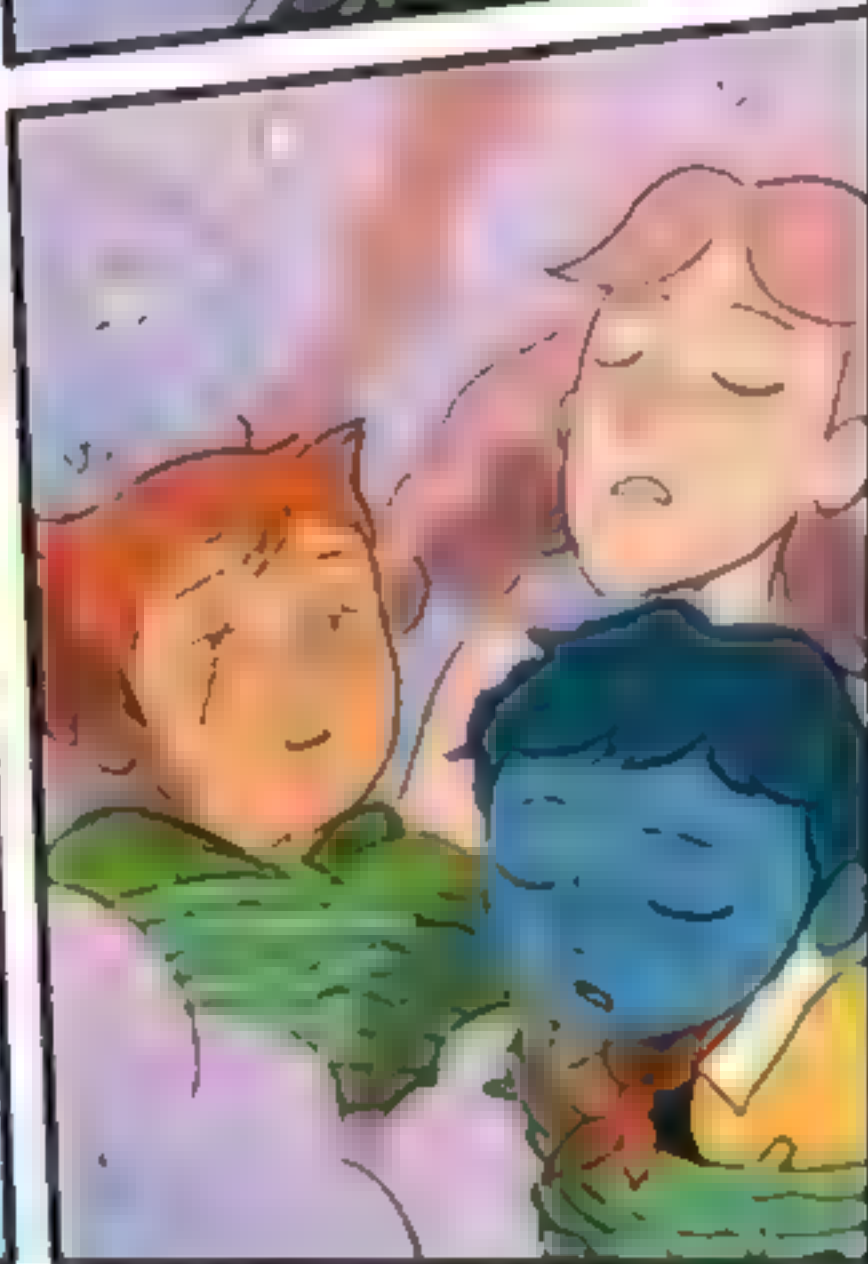
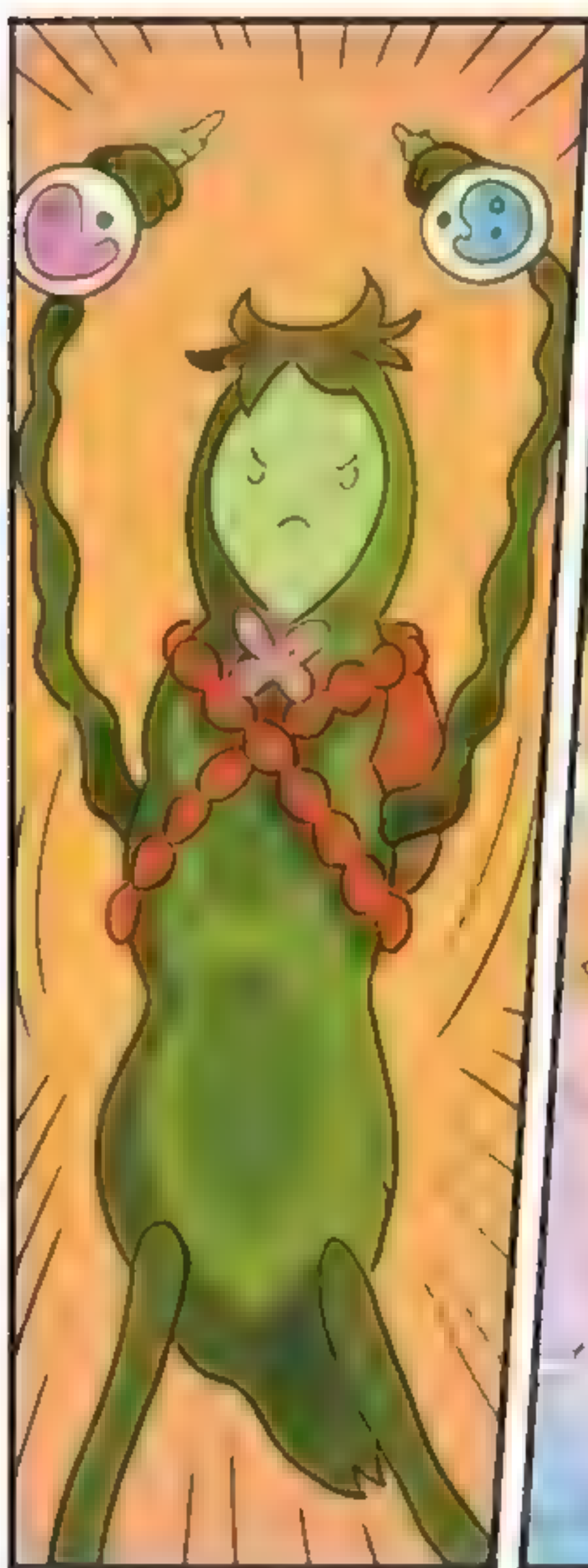


ONE OF THEM,
CALLED *ESKE*, SAW
SOMETHING THE OTHERS
COULD NOT. SOMETHING
THEIR ANCIENT LAWS
HADN'T ACCOUNTED FOR.
*SHE BROKE AWAY
AND FUSED
WITH ME.*

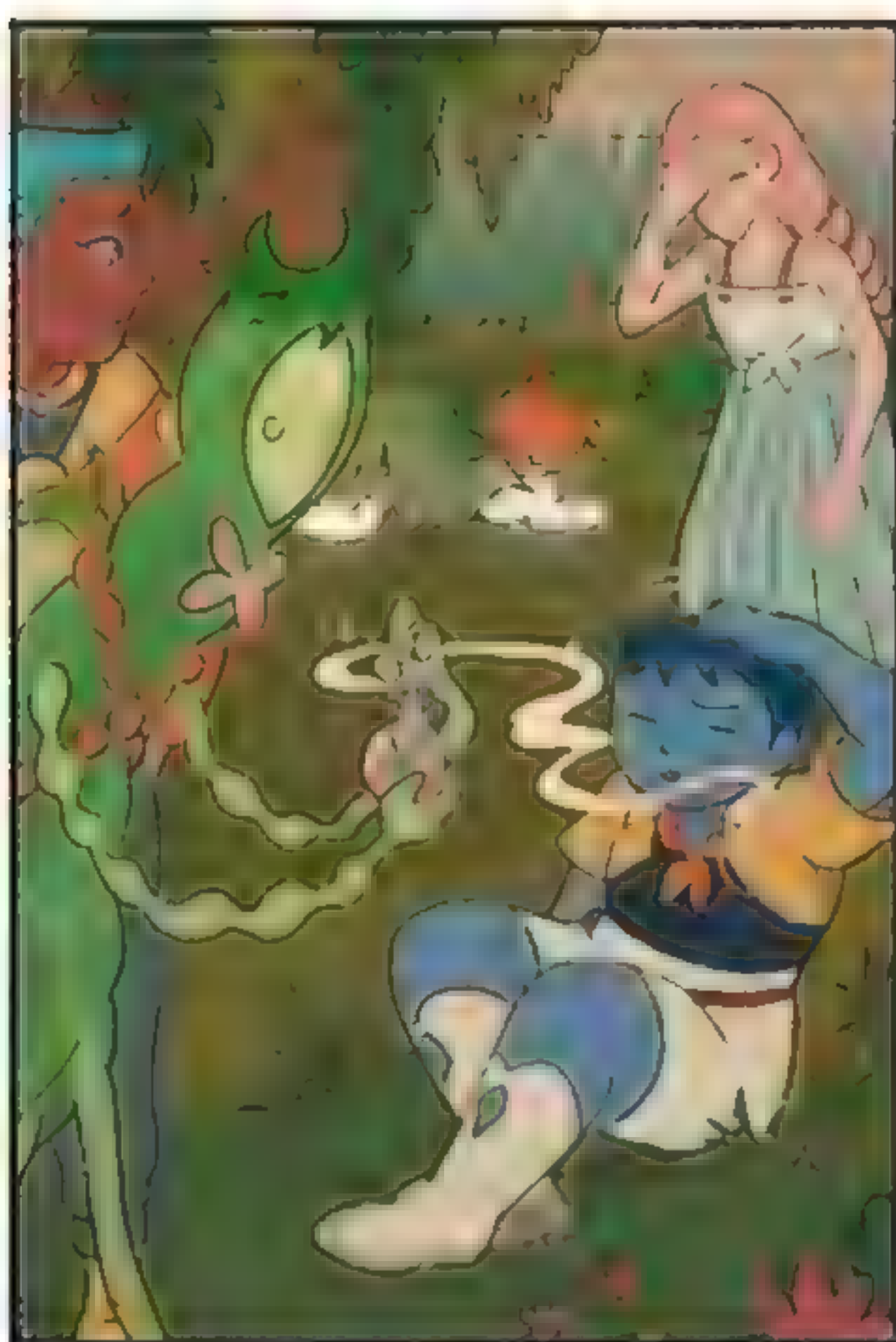
AND TOGETHER
WE HELPED LIGHT
THE YELLOW
BEACON.







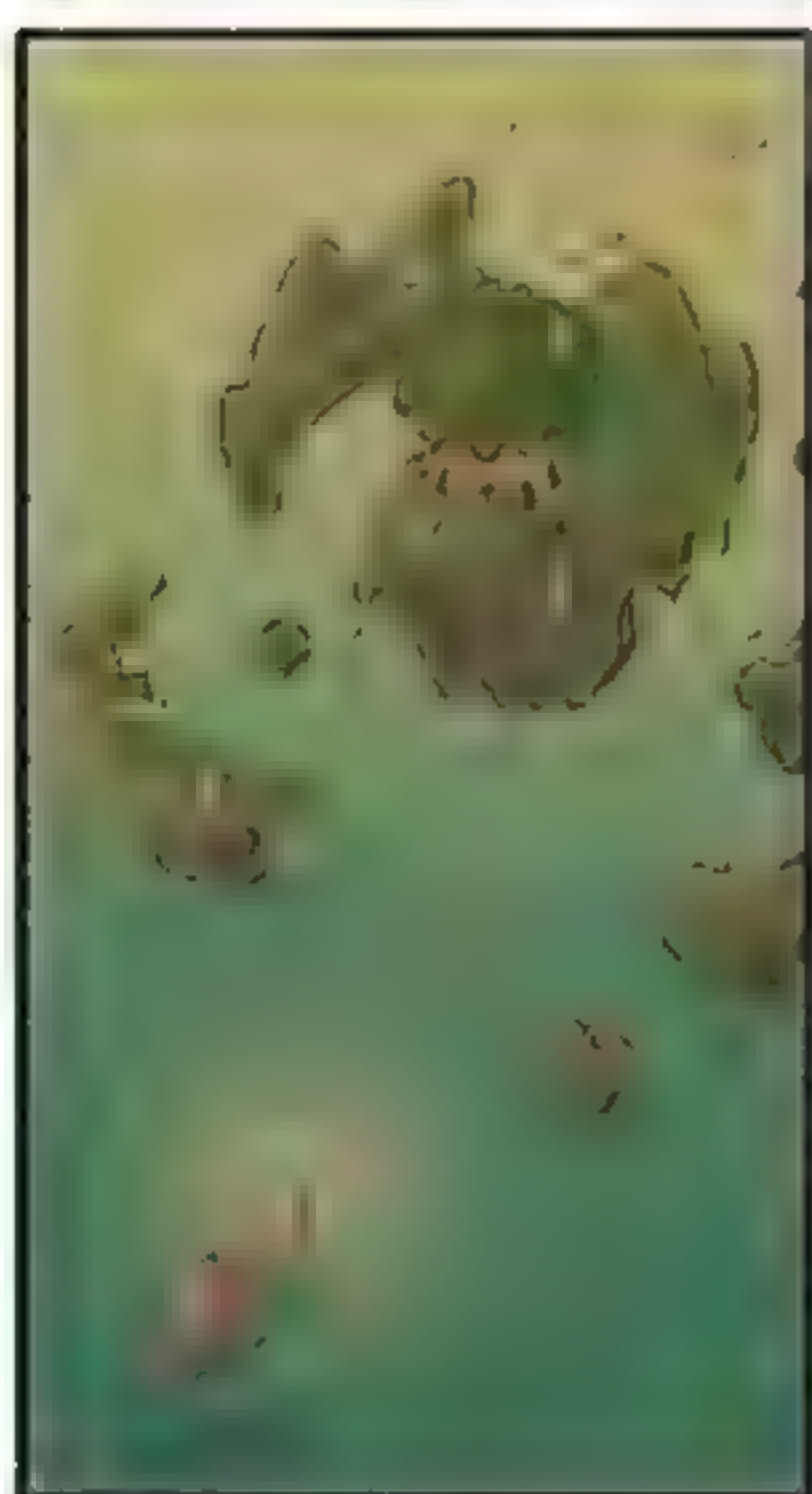
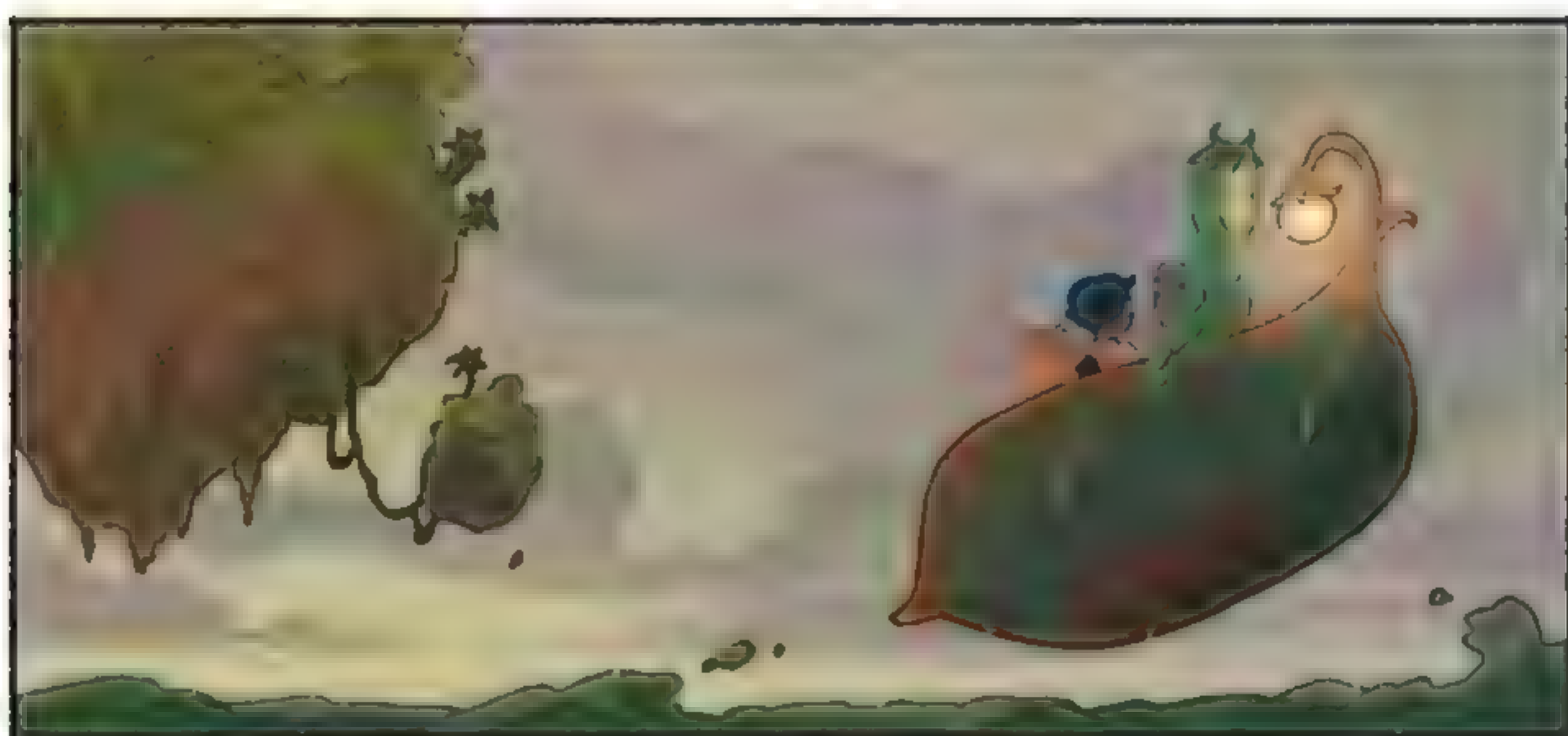


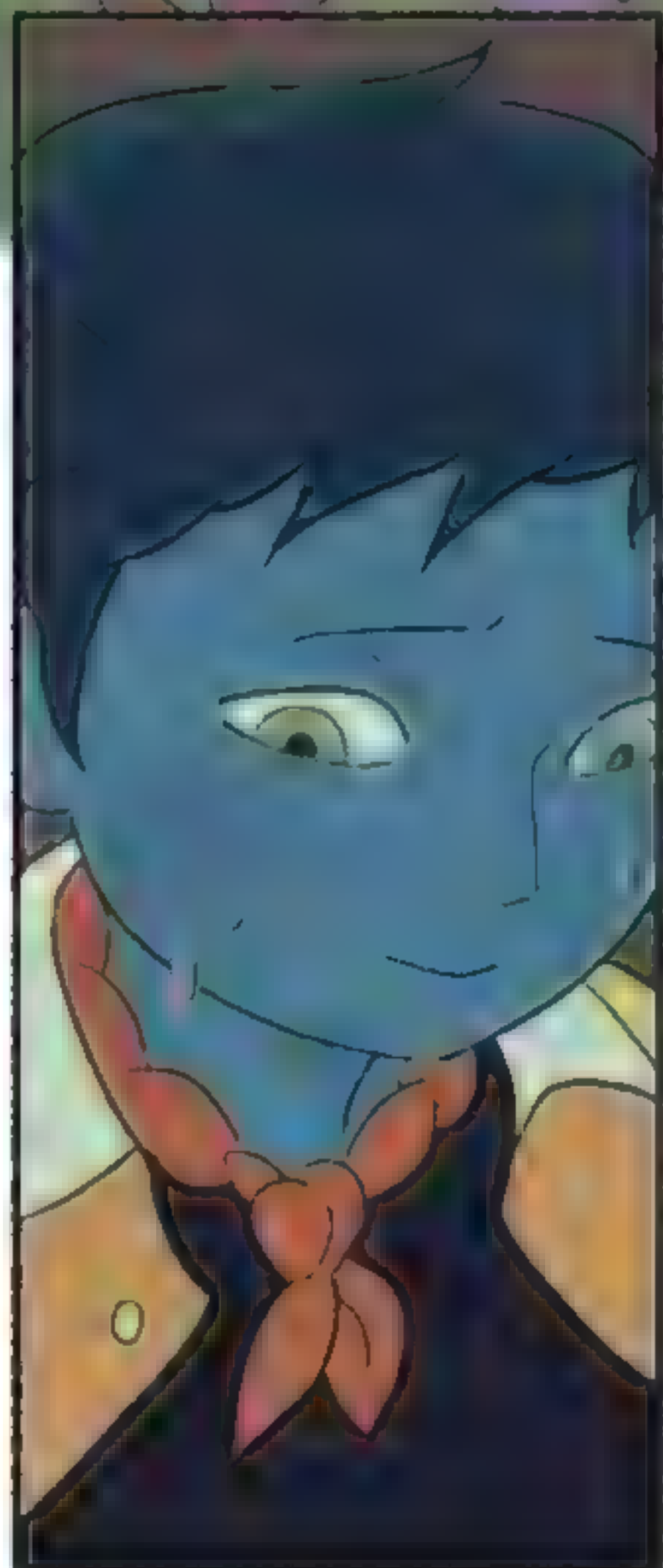


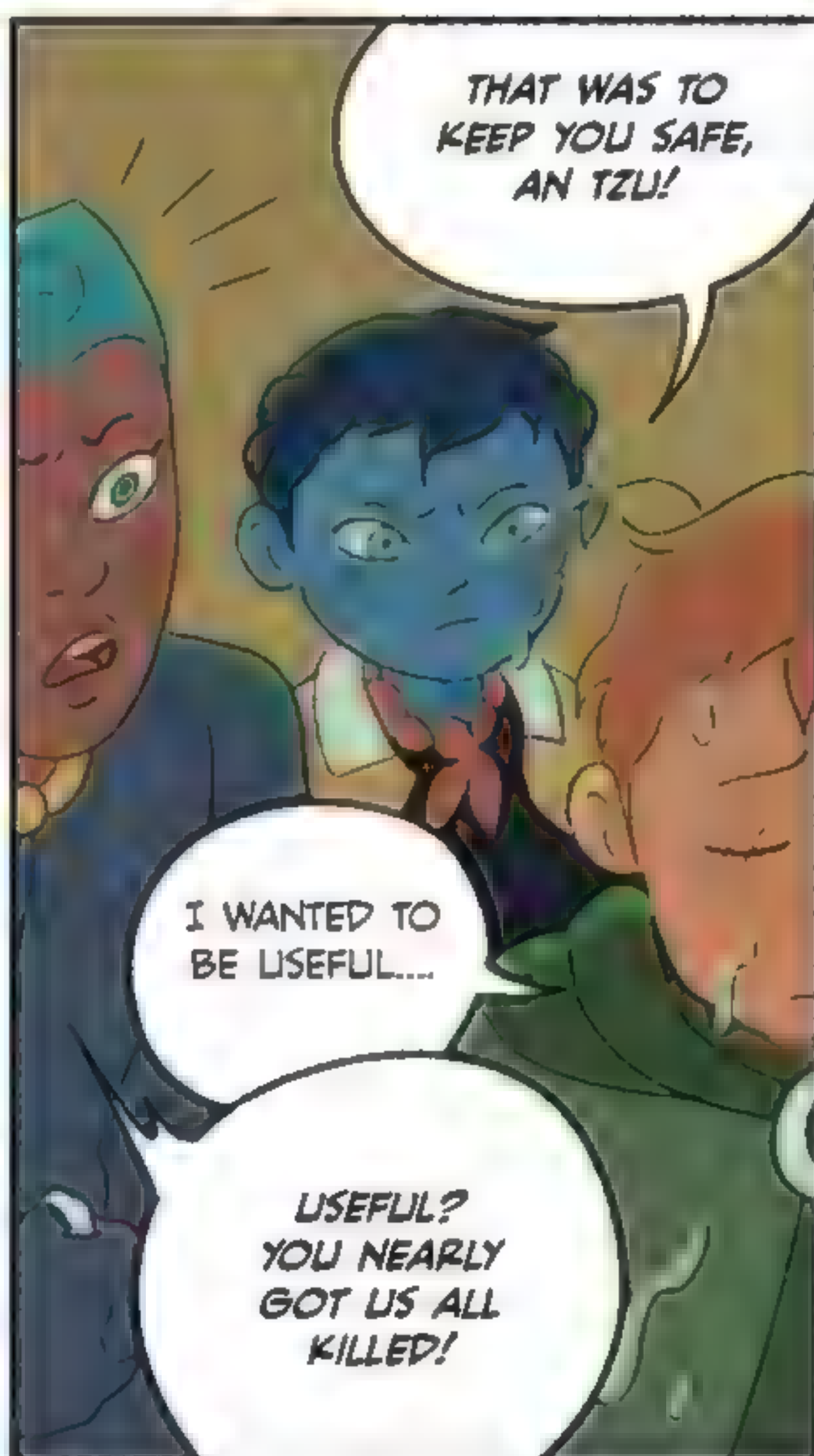
WE MUST HURRY.
FOLLOW ME.



GET IN,
QUICK!

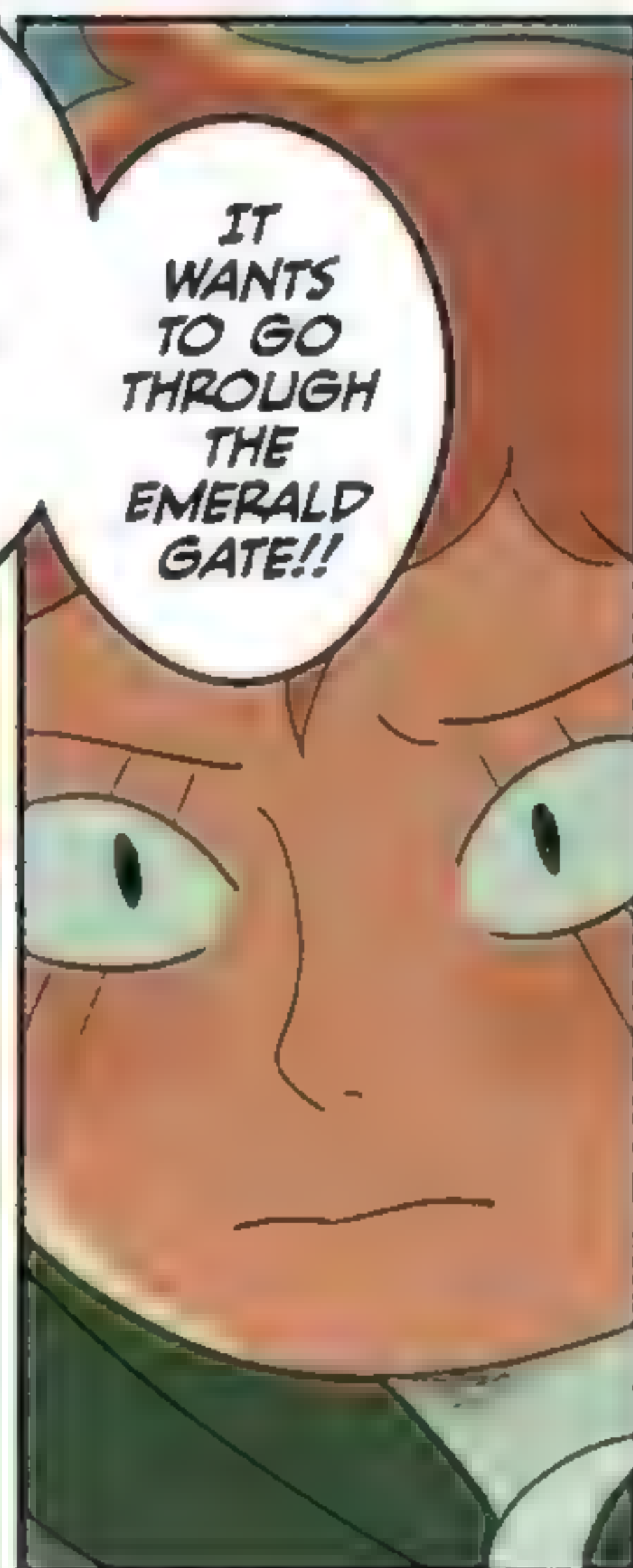






* SEE 5W4: THE AMBER ANTHEM










I WILL LEAD
YOU TO THE
BEACON!

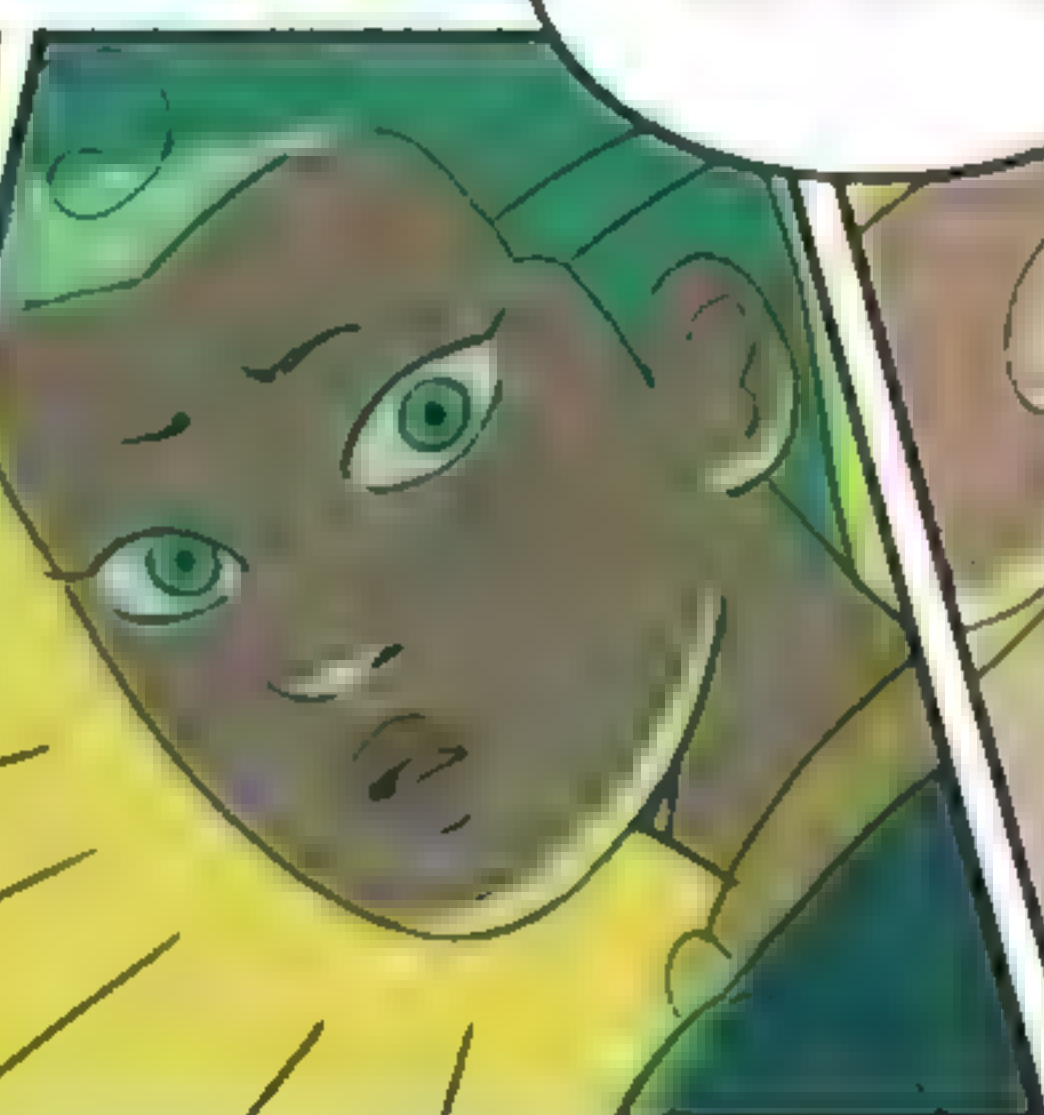
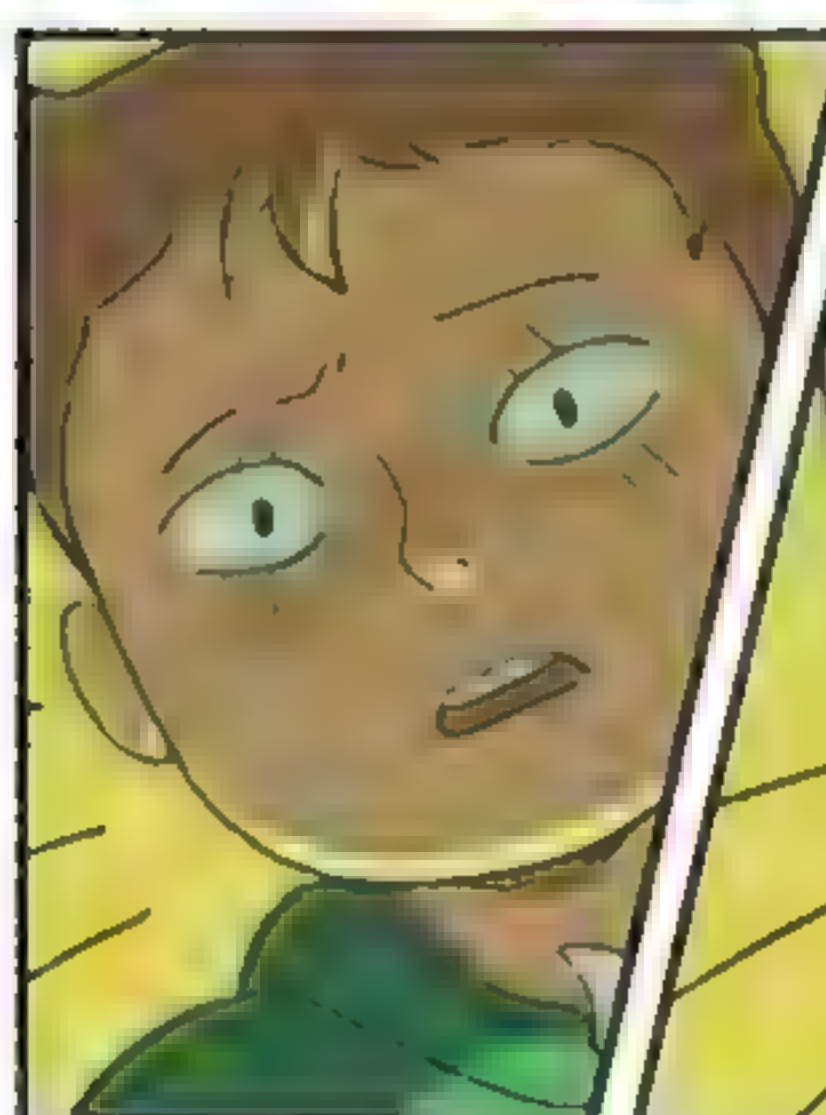
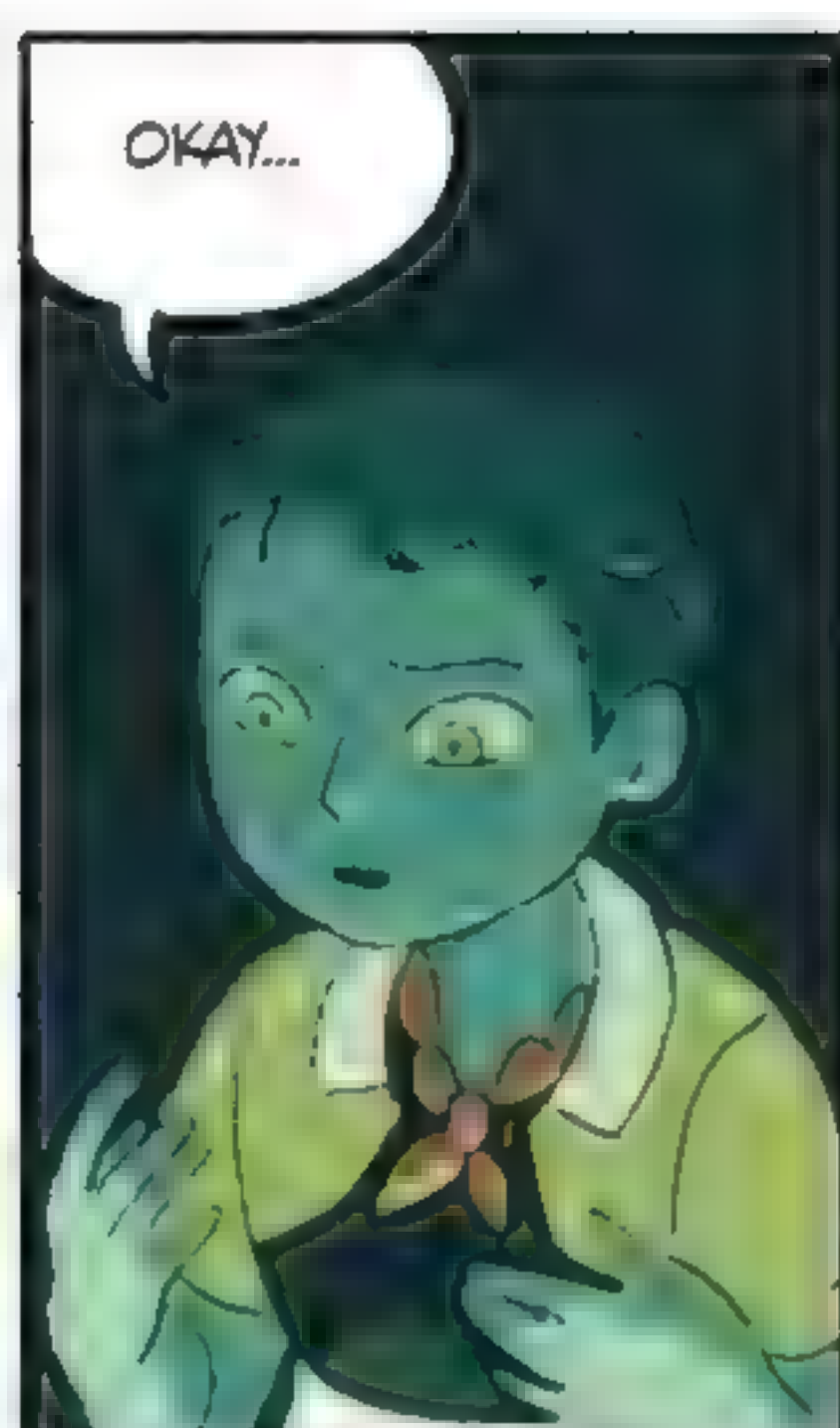


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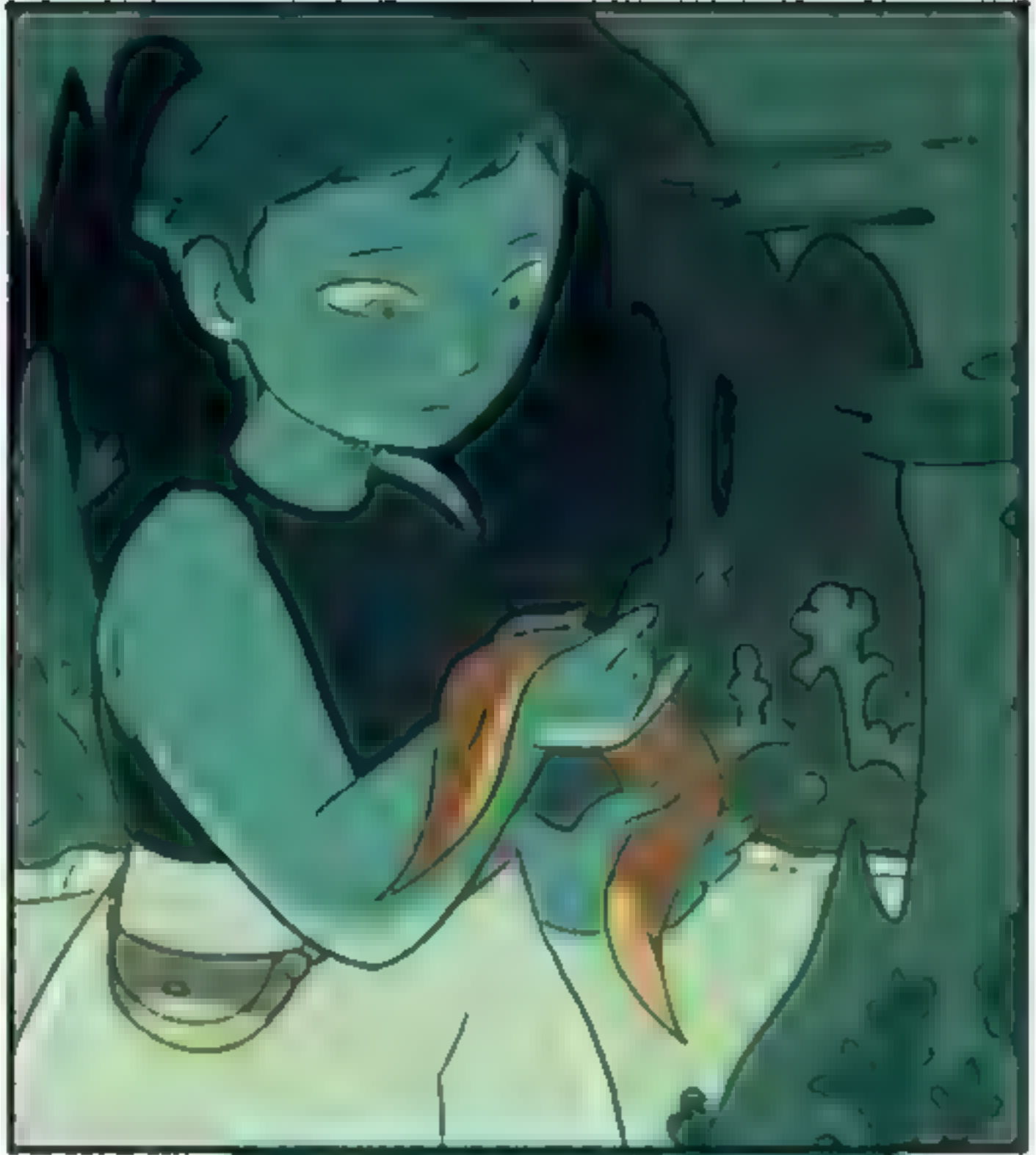
DANGER DOWN BELOW

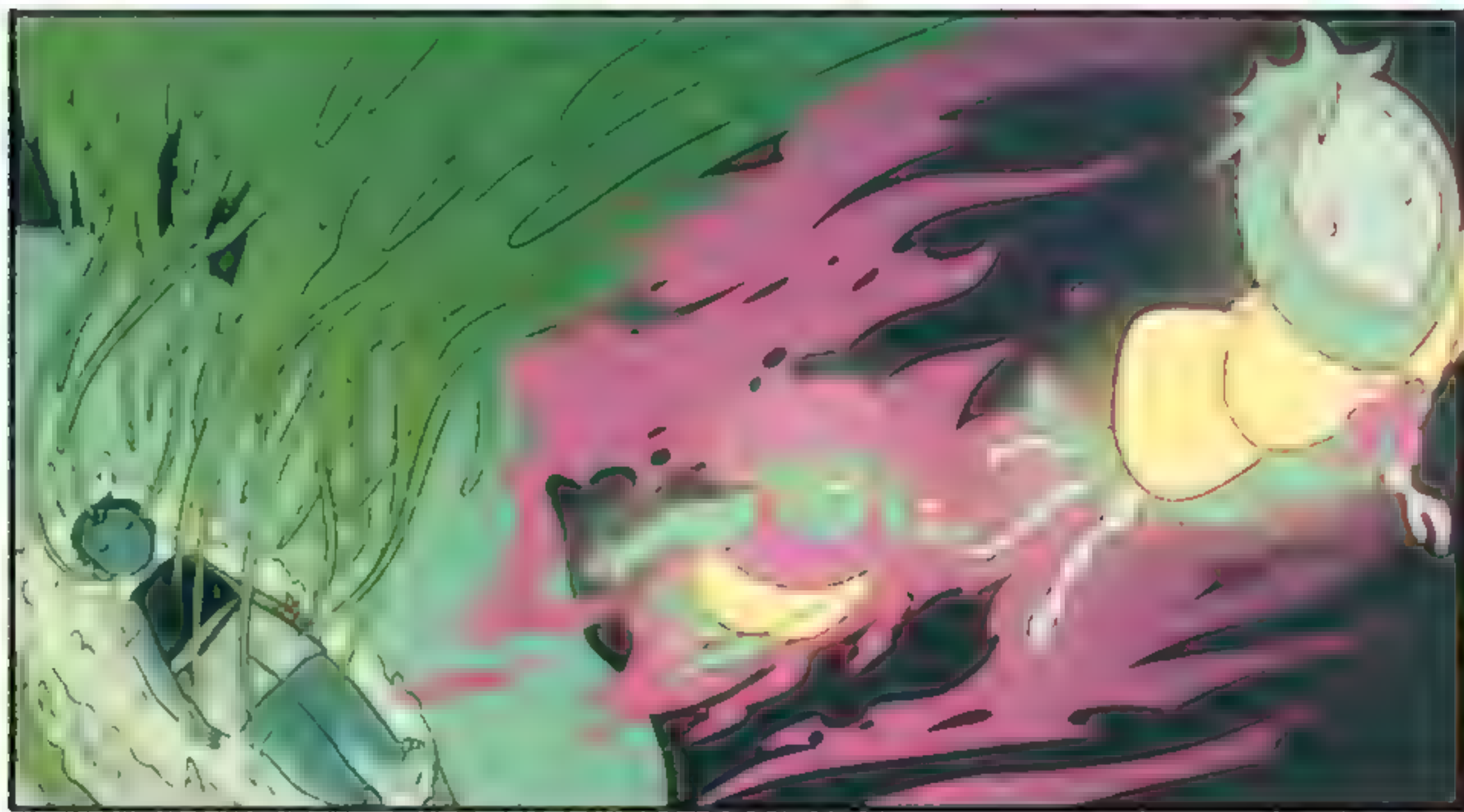
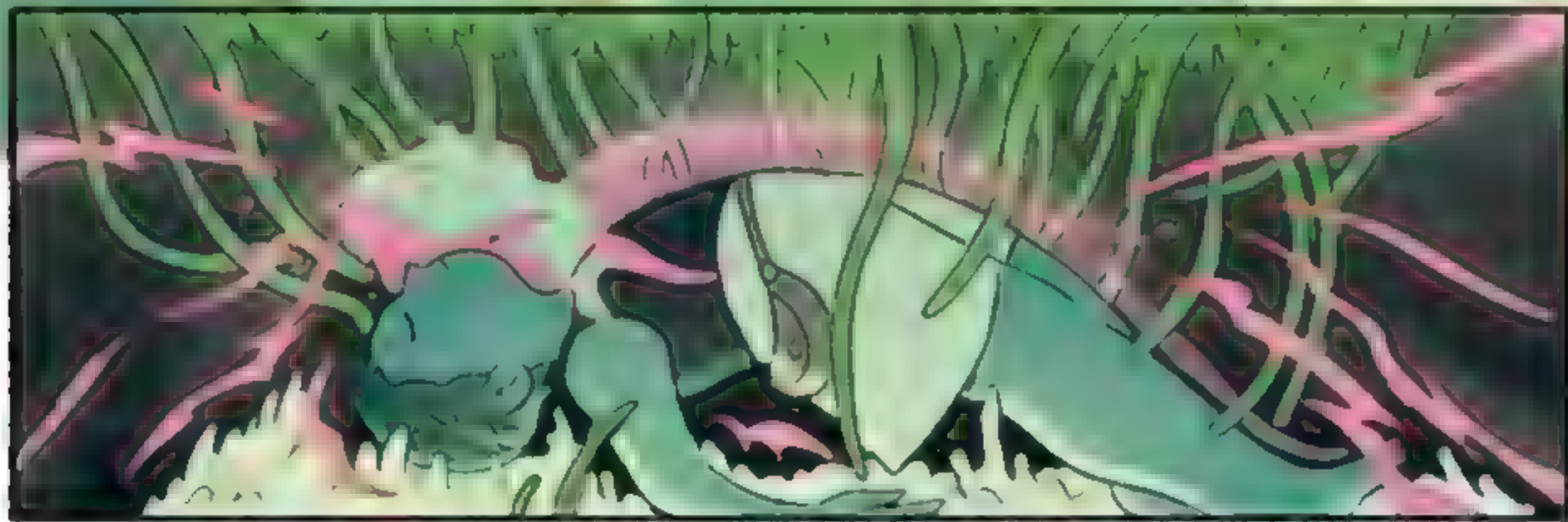


COME THIS
WAY, OONA.

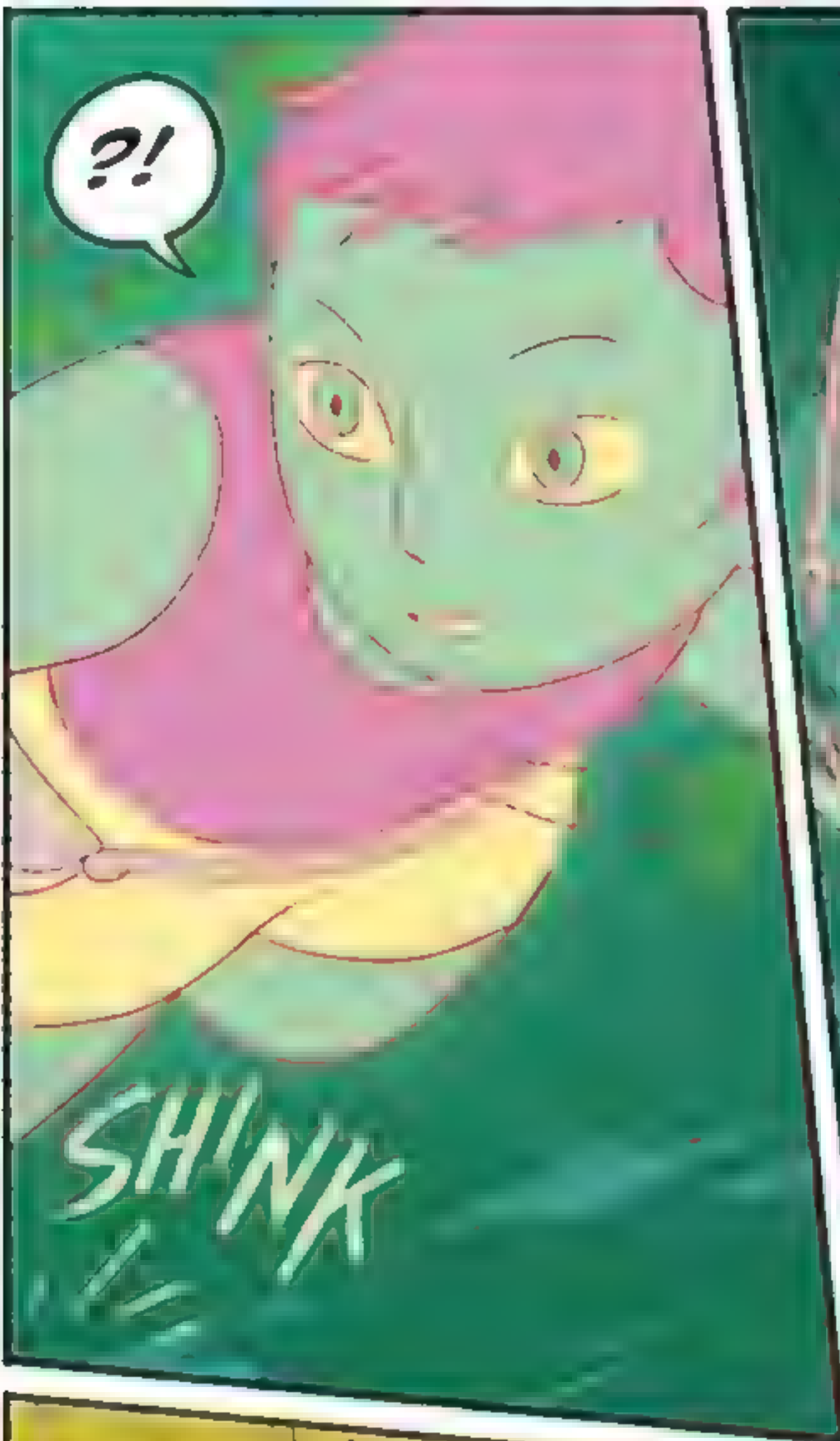


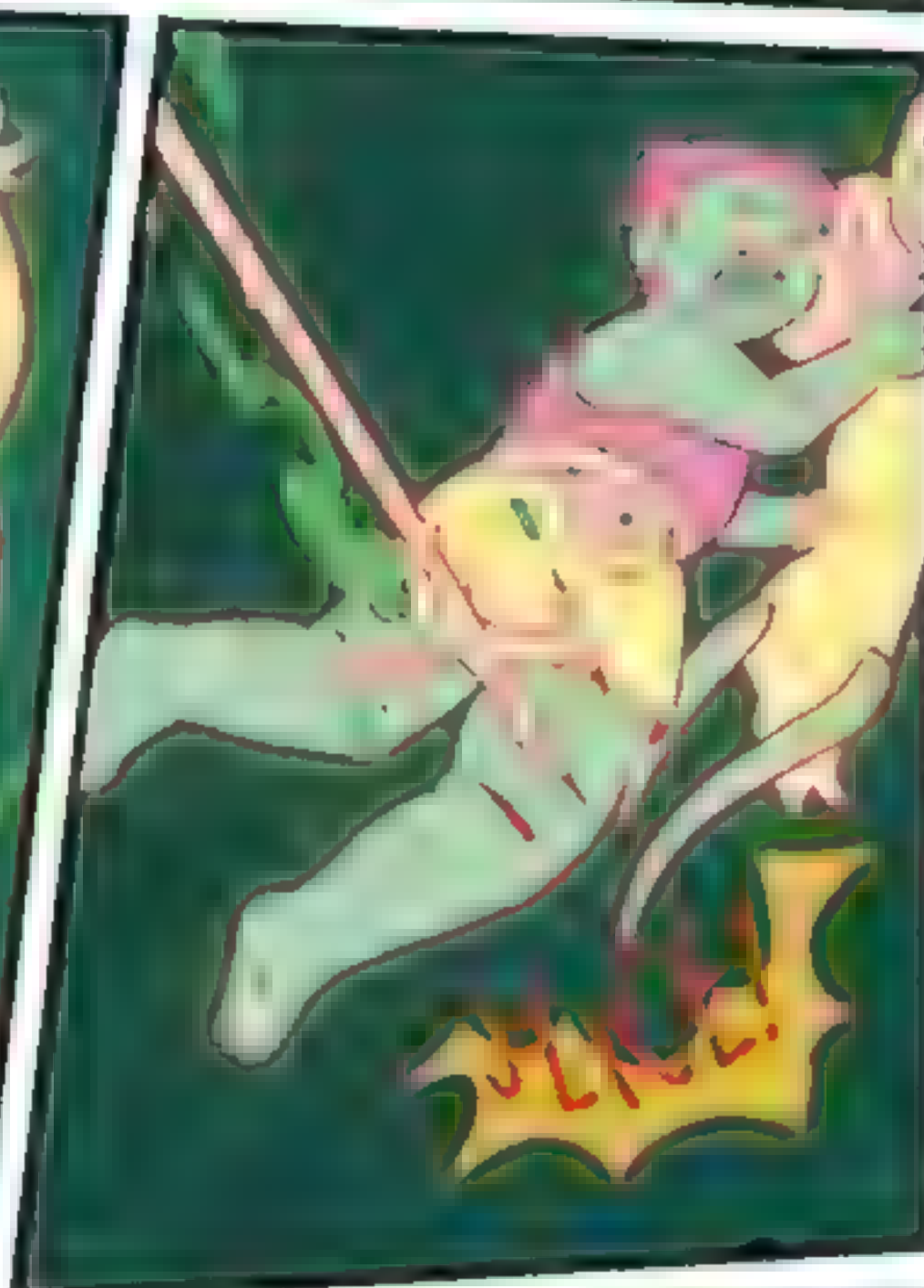








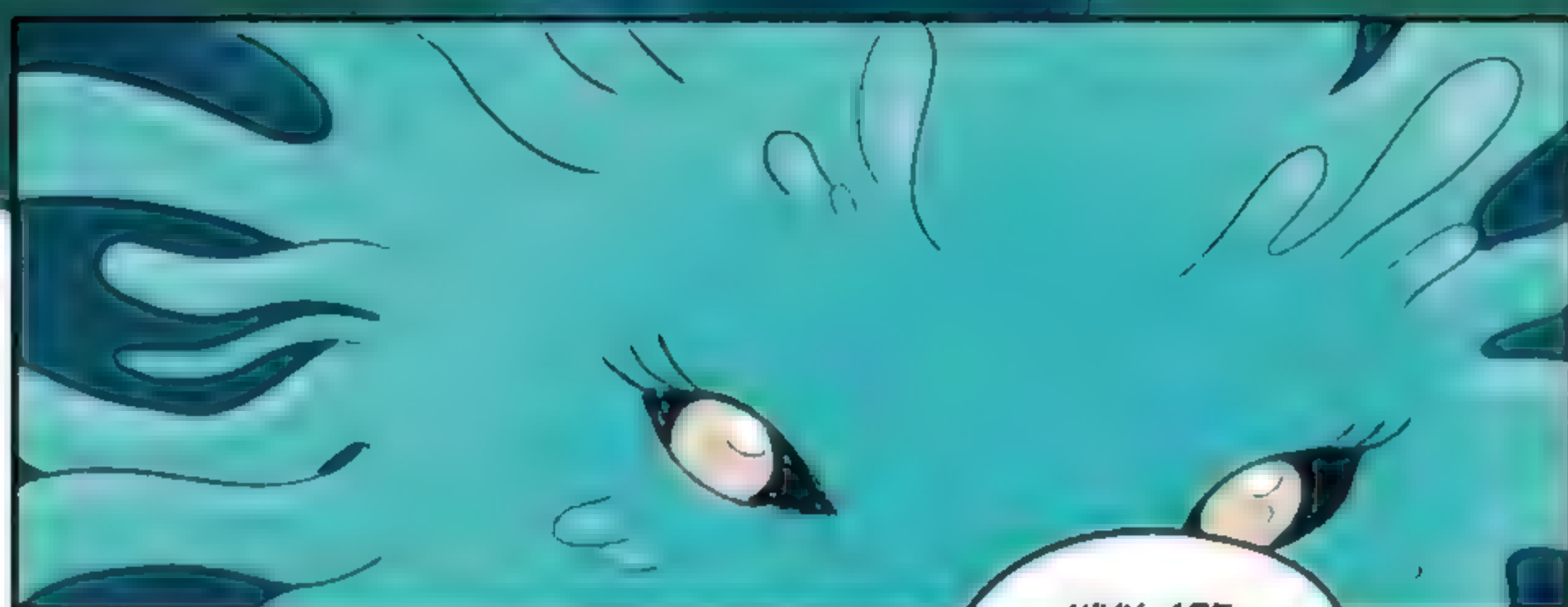






WHAT IS
THIS?





WHY ARE
YOU HERE,
BEANU?



THIS IS NOT
YOUR REALM.



THE TRAITOR
SAMPHIRE BROUGHT
OUTSIDERS INFECTED
WITH THE MIMIC!

THE
PUNISHMENT
IS DEATH!



THE LIGHTER
OF BEACONS
IS OUR
HONORED
GUEST.

AND HER
COMPANIONS
ARE UNDER OUR
PROTECTION TOO.



BUT THE
MIMIC--

THE MIMIC
COULD NEVER
PASS THE FIVE
FILTERS.

WE ARE NOT
AFRAID. WE WILL
DETERMINE IF
SHE CAN PASS
THE TESTS....



NOW
GO.

YES,
ELDER.

MEANWHILE, ABOVE
THE MOSS OCEAN...







LIGHTER
OF BEACONS, THE
GREEN BEACON IS JUST
AHEAD. BUT TO REACH IT
YOU WILL HAVE TO GO
THROUGH THE
SHIELDS.

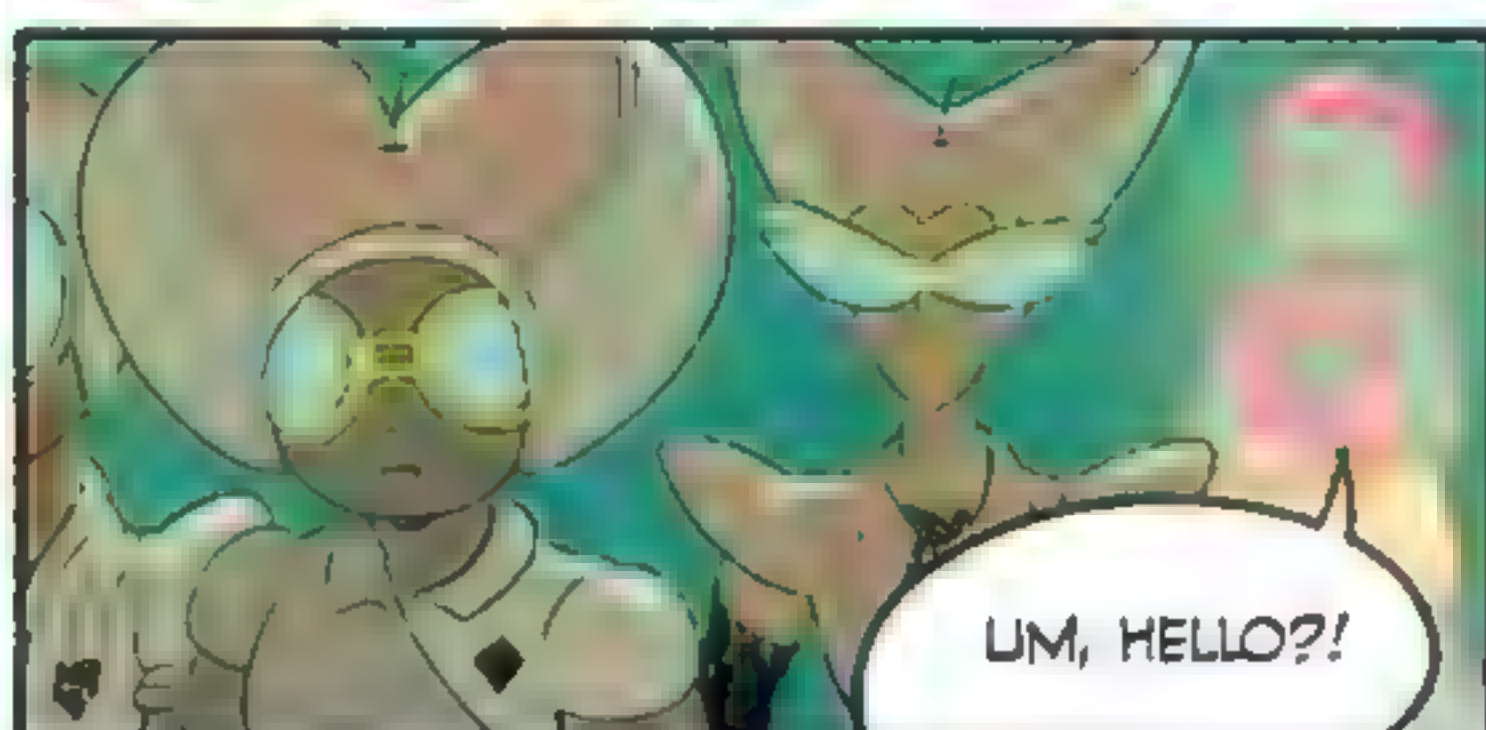
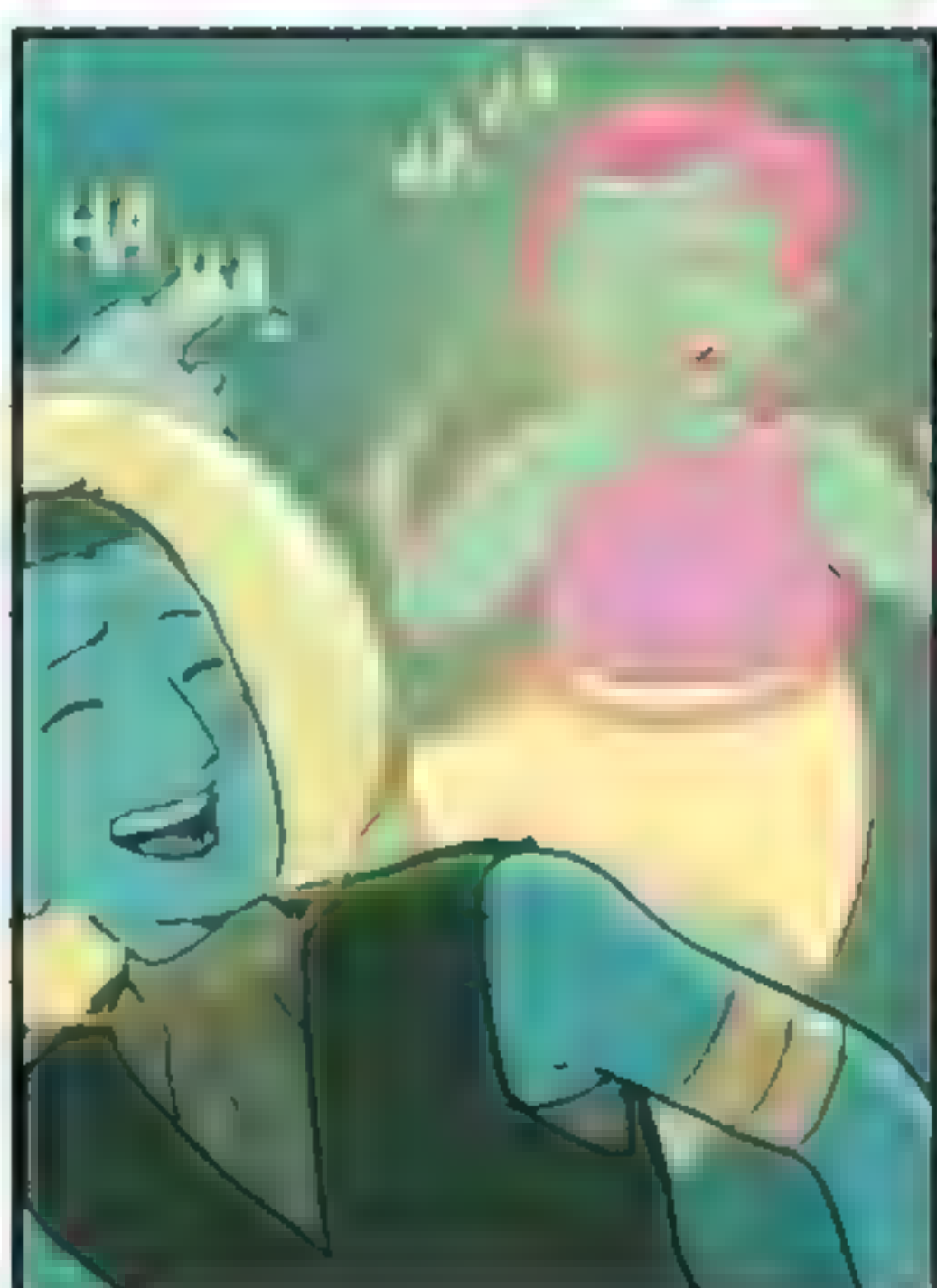
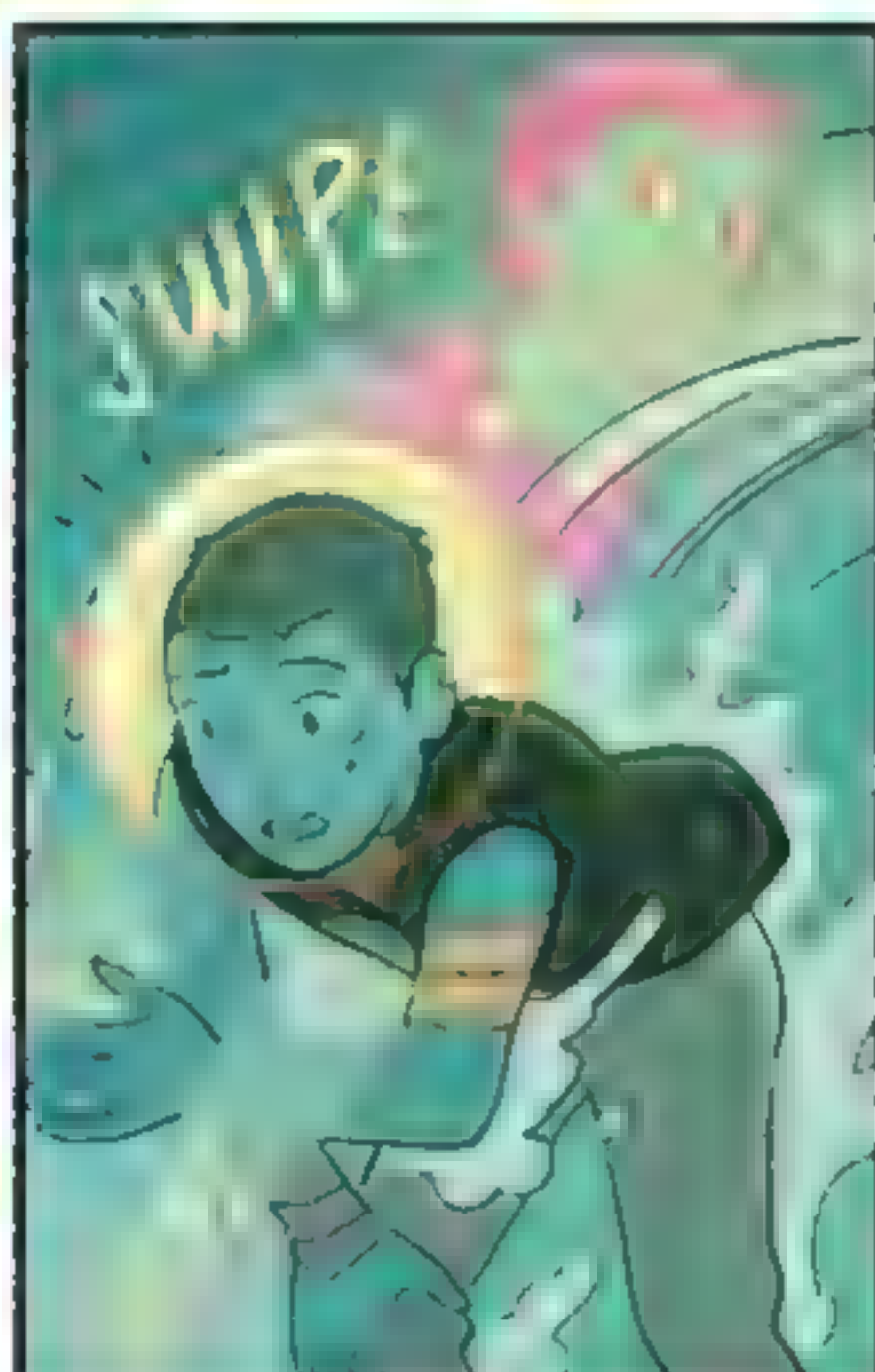
EACH OF THEM
WILL TEST YOU IN
WAYS YOU CANNOT
IMAGINE.

I HOPE YOU
SUCCEED.

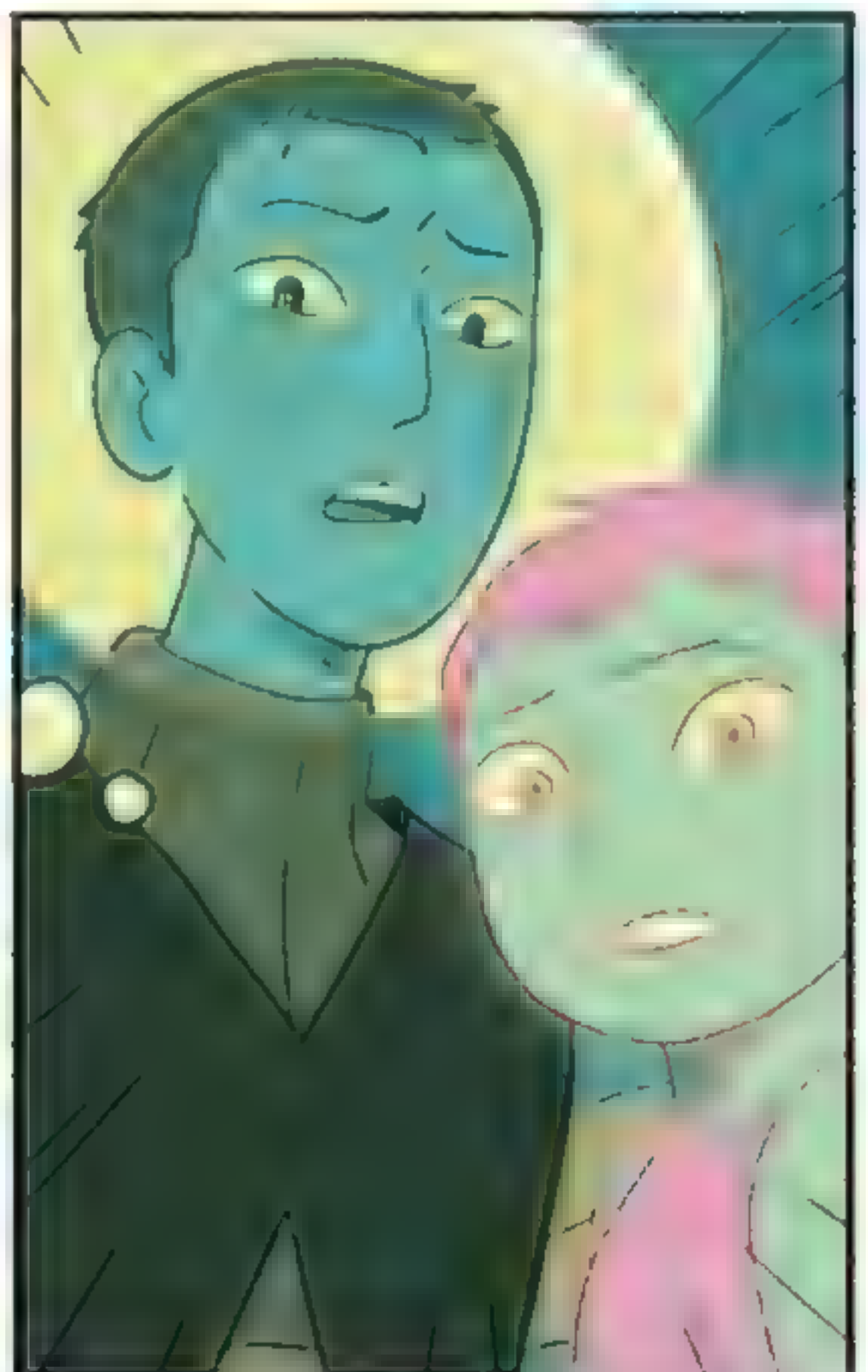
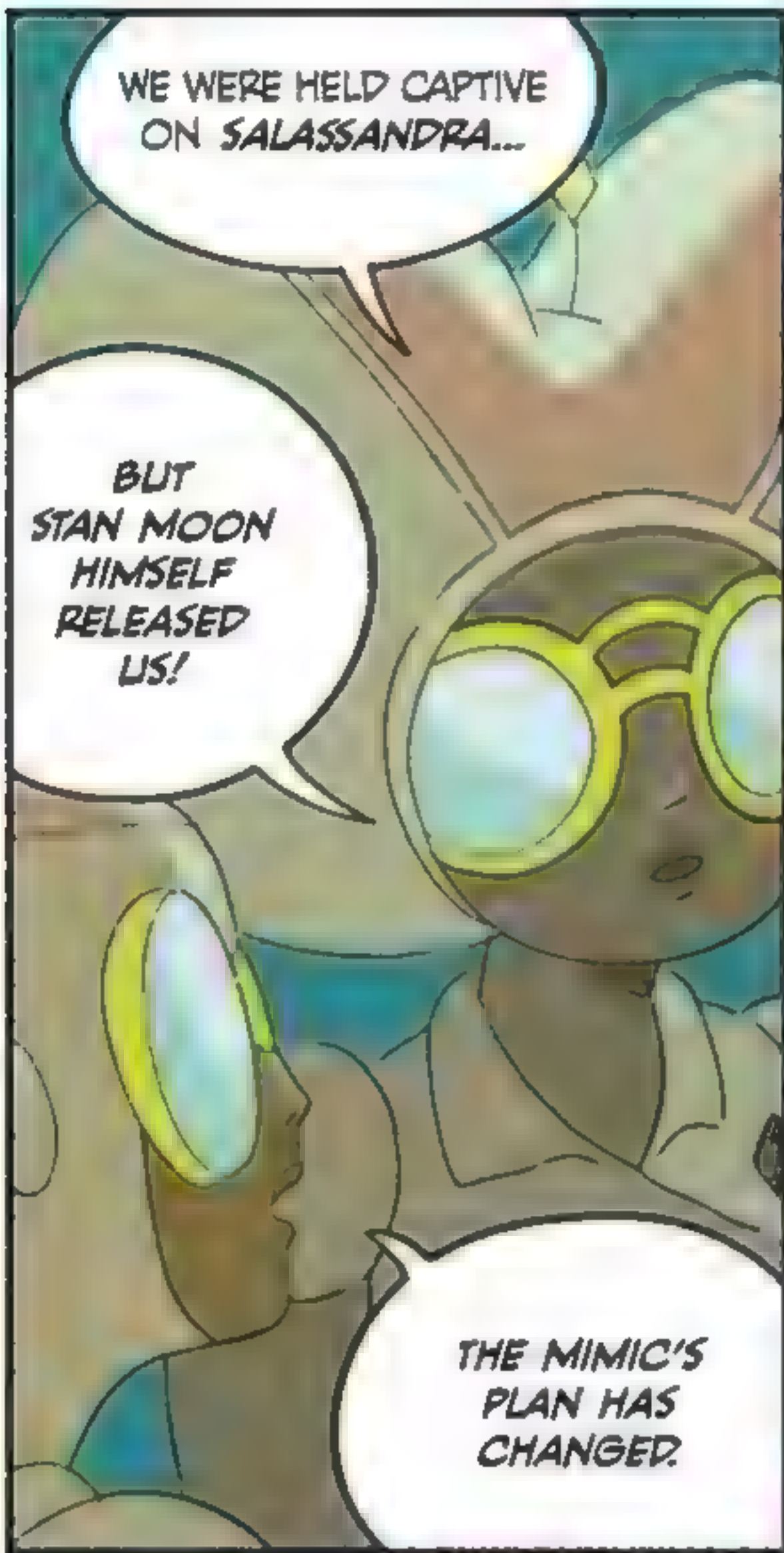
I WILL
TRY MY
BEST. FOR
THE FIVE
WORLDS.

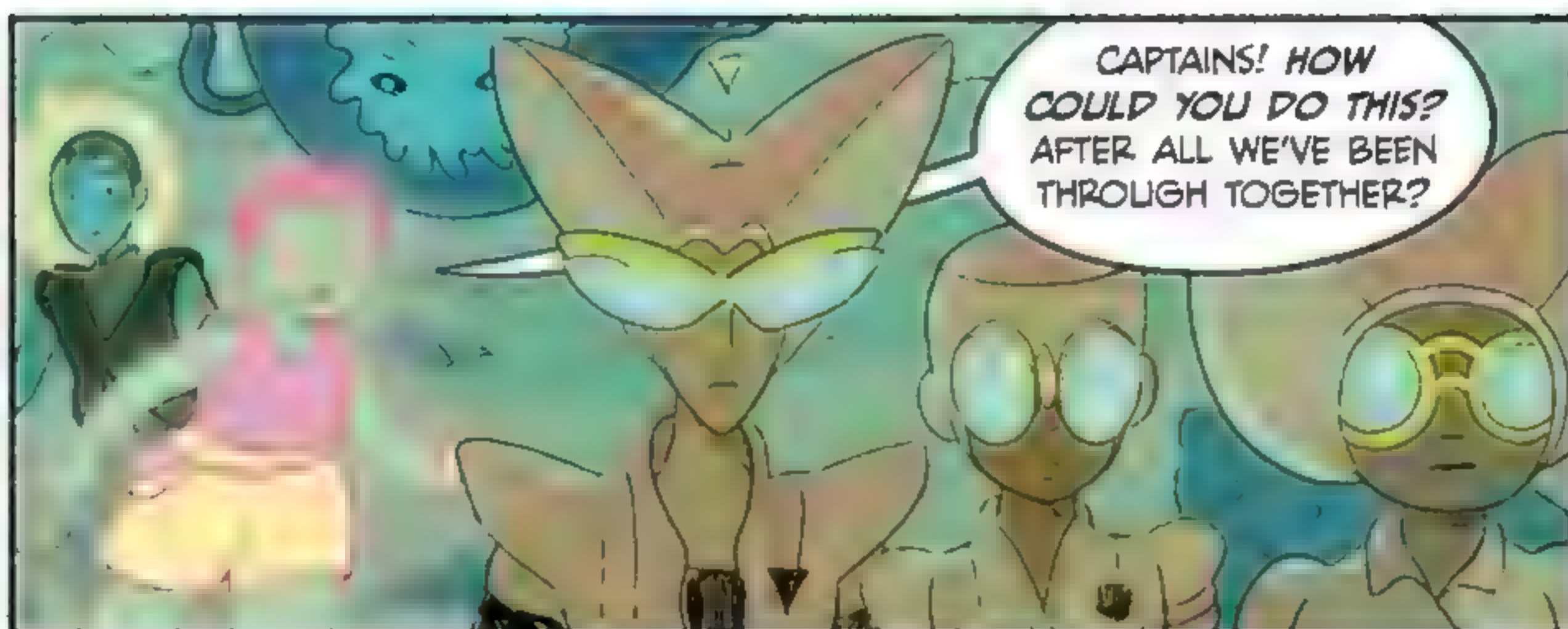
THEN
PROCEED.

HALT!
ELDER, *OUR*
MONITORS WANT TO
MAKE A REPORT--
THEY SAY IT'S *URGENT*.





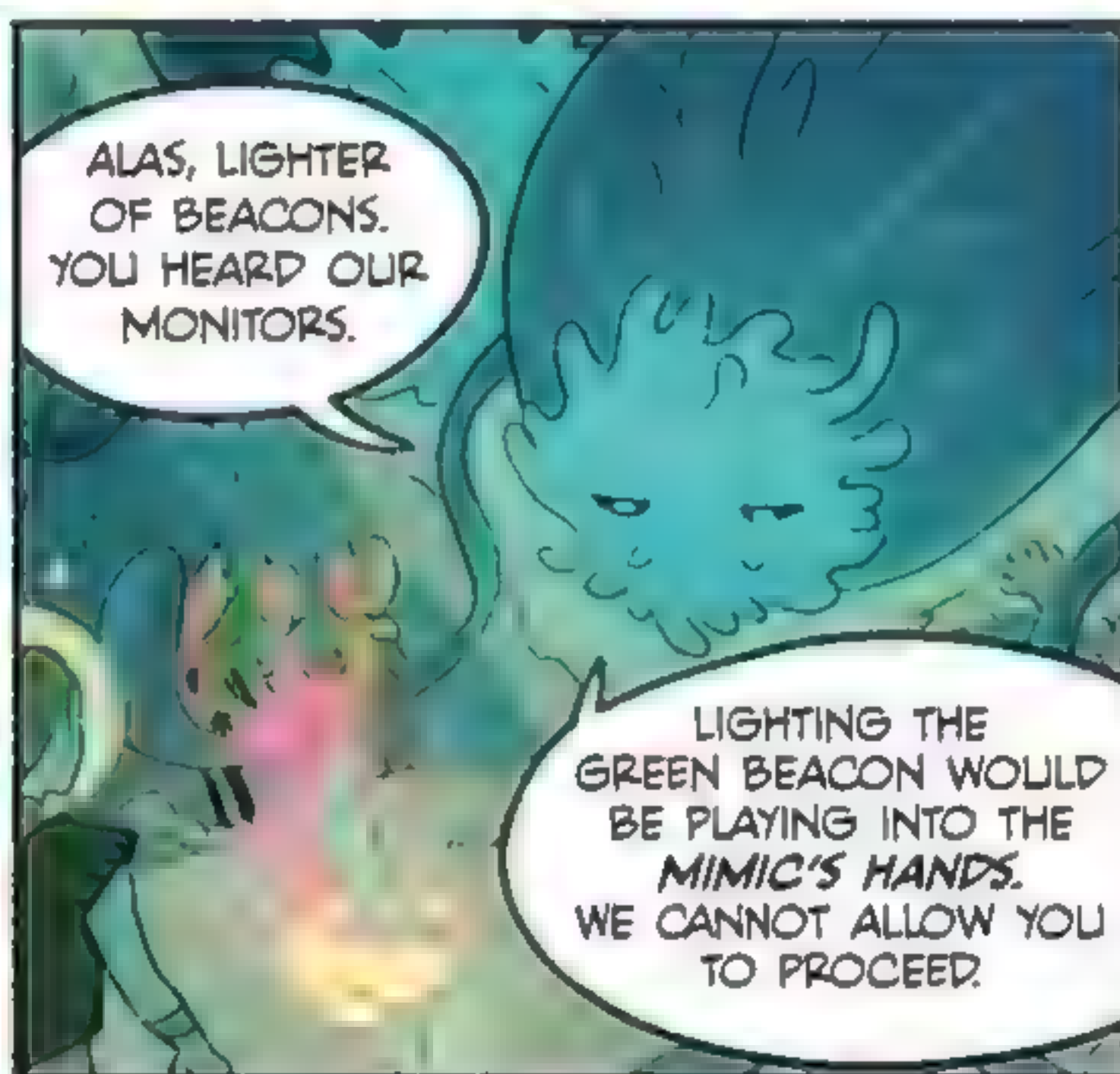




CAPTAINS! HOW COULD YOU DO THIS? AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH TOGETHER?



OONA, I HAD NO IDEA!



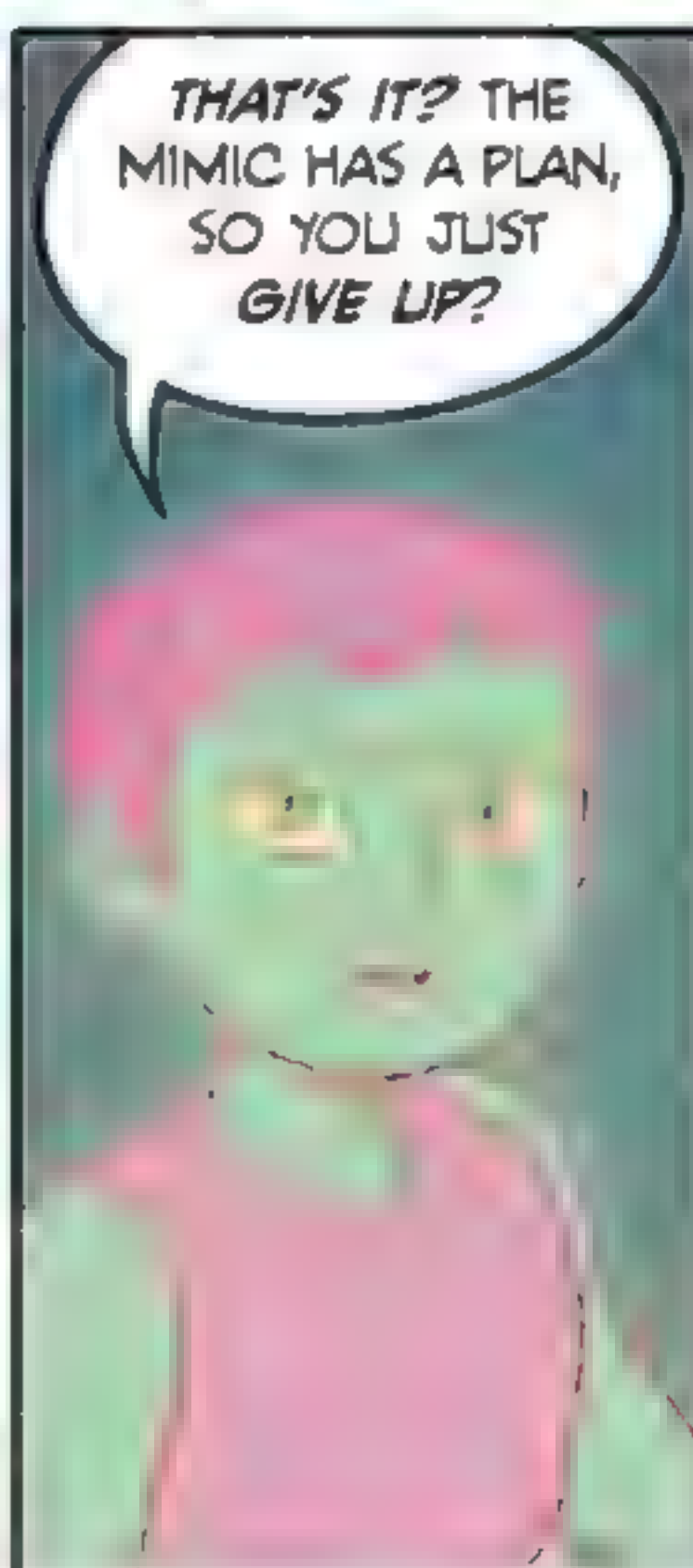
ALAS, LIGHTER OF BEACONS. YOU HEARD OUR MONITORS.

LIGHTING THE GREEN BEACON WOULD BE PLAYING INTO THE MIMIC'S HANDS. WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO PROCEED.



I'M SO SORRY, OONA. YOU TRIED YOUR BEST. NO ONE COULD HAVE DONE MORE THAN YOU DID.

YOU **MUST** GET BACK INTO YOUR PHYSICAL BODY NOW.



THAT'S IT? THE MIMIC HAS A PLAN, SO YOU JUST **GIVE UP?**



OUR DUTY TO THE **FELID** REALM--

WHO ARE THESE **FELIDS** TO SAY THE **MIMIC** IS OURS TO DEAL WITH? THEY BROUGHT IT HERE, AND **THEY RAN AWAY!**



ON
MON DOMANI,
I WAS THE VERY
WORST SAND DANCER IN
THE SAND CASTLE! THE
GREATEST SAND MASTERS
HAD *FAILED* TO LIGHT
THE BEACON, AND YET
I DID IT.

ON
MOON TOKI,
THE MIMIC VERY
NEARLY REGAINED ITS
FULL POWER, BUT
A GREAT SACRIFICE
STOPPED IT!

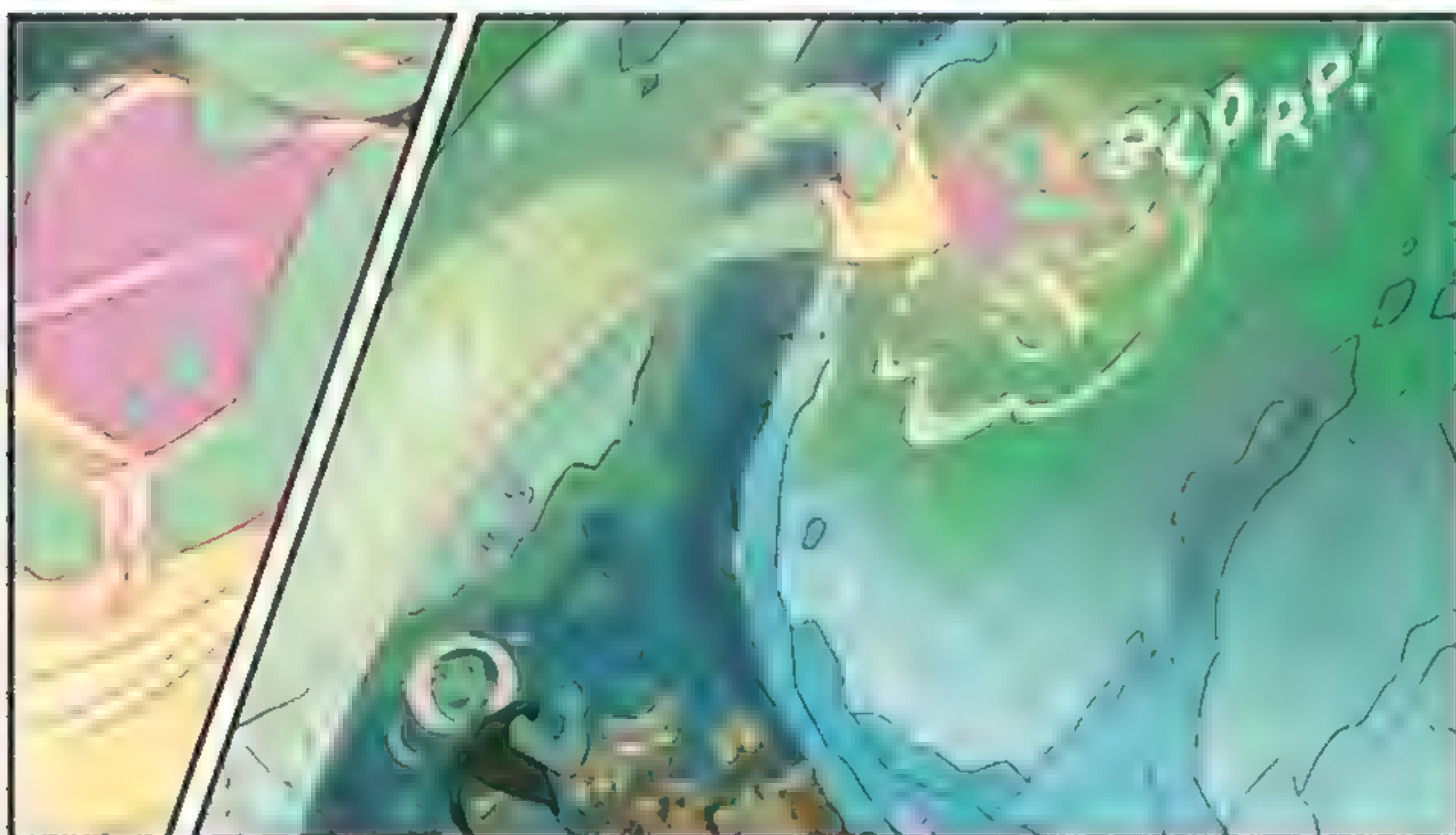
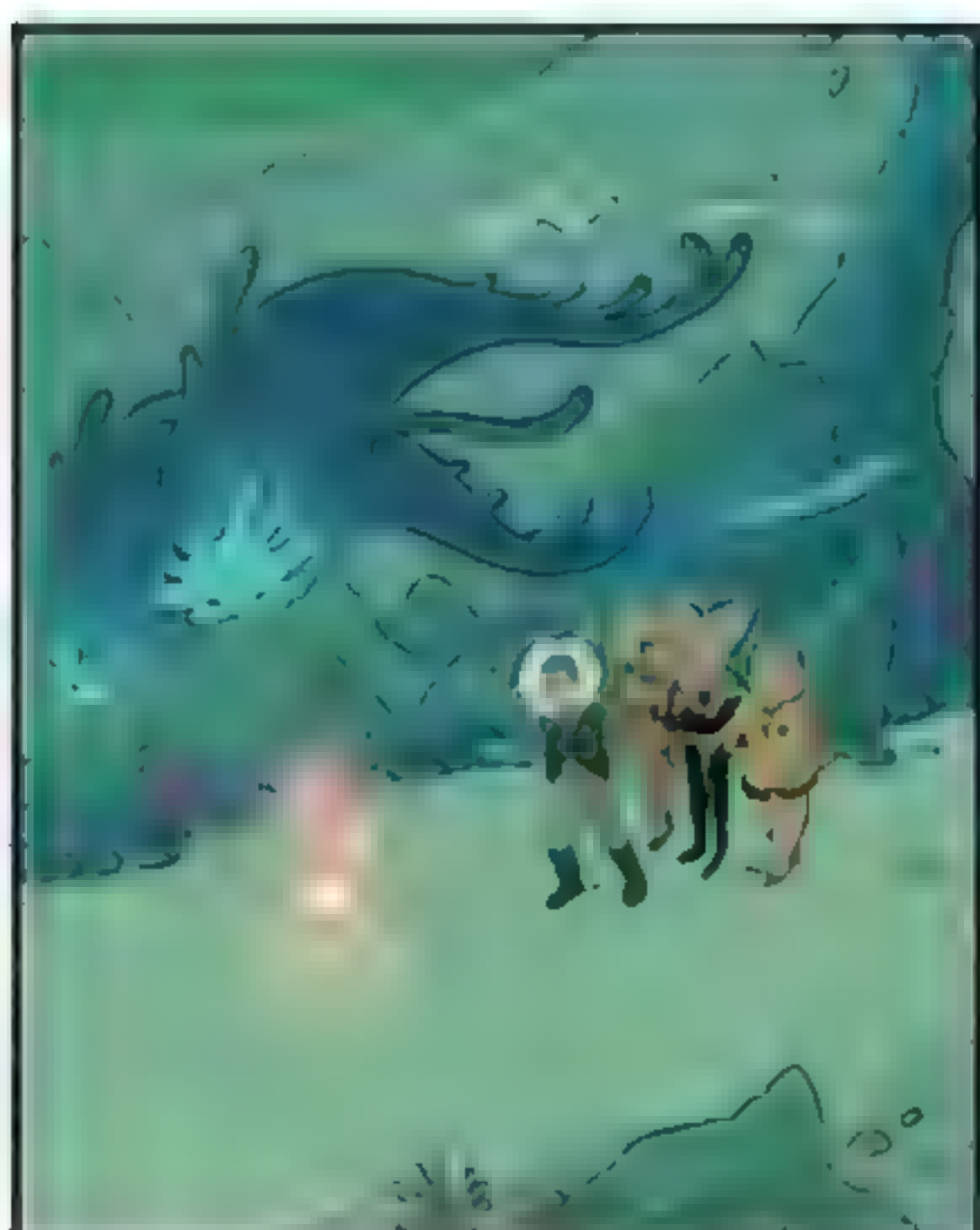
ON
MOON YATTA,
POWERFUL PEOPLE
CREATED A RED
MAZE OF CONFUSION
THAT STRANGLED THE
BEACON, AND ALL
SEEMED LOST--NOW
IT IS LIT!

ON
SALASSANDRA, THE
MIMIC SOWED *DIVISION*,
BUT THE FIVE RACES
CAME TOGETHER IN
HARMONY!

IF WE DON'T
LIGHT THE FINAL
BEACON, IT'S A
DEATH SENTENCE
FOR THE FIVE
WORLDS.


THEN
WHAT WILL YOU
BE GUARDING
IT FOR?





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GAUNTLET OF SHIELDS

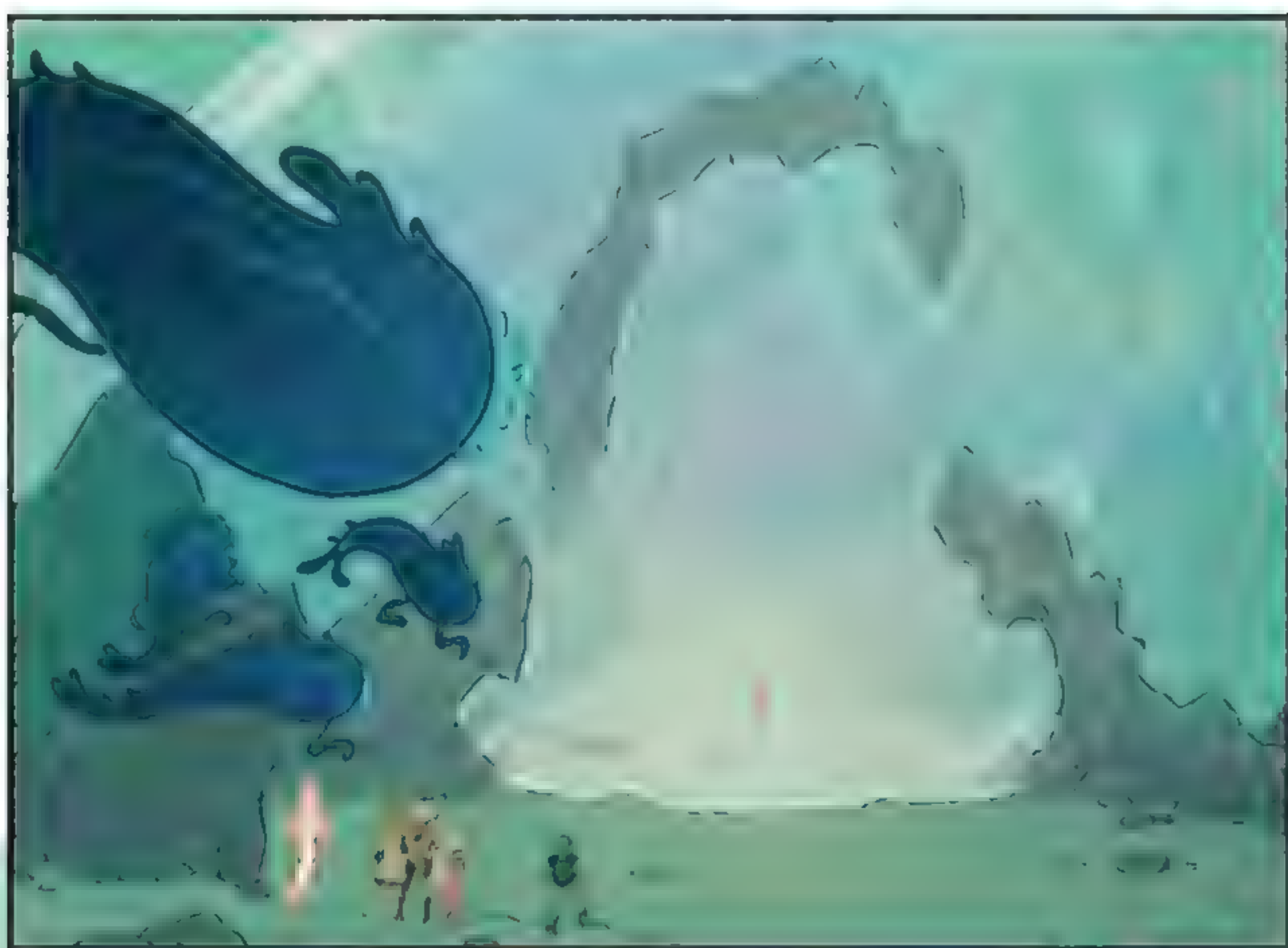


MISTER MOON,
WE WILL BE
REACHING
GRIMBO (E)
IN AN HOUR.

EXCELLENT.
STAY IN ORBIT
UNTIL I GIVE
THE ORDER TO
LAND.

WHERE
WILL WE BE
LANDING, SIR?

I'LL TELL YOU
WHEN THE TIME IS
RIGHT. IT'LL BE...
UNMISTAKABLE.

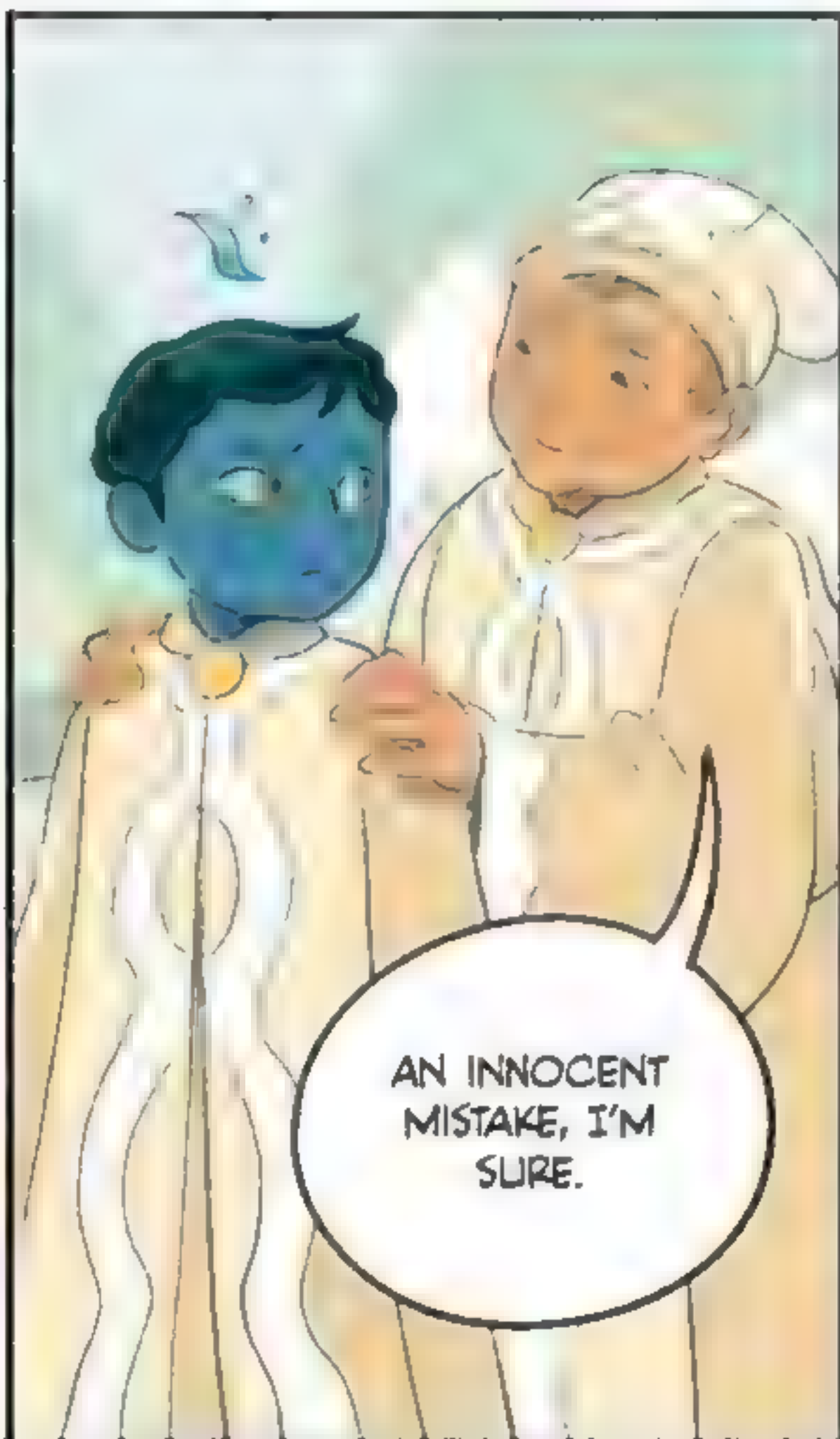




OH GREAT *FELID* GODS, DELIVER US FROM THE *MIMIC*. WE ARE PURE FOR YOU, WE ARE WAITING....



DO NOT PLAY WITH THE *LIVING FIRE*, CHILD...THAT IS ONLY FOR THE *FELID* GODS!

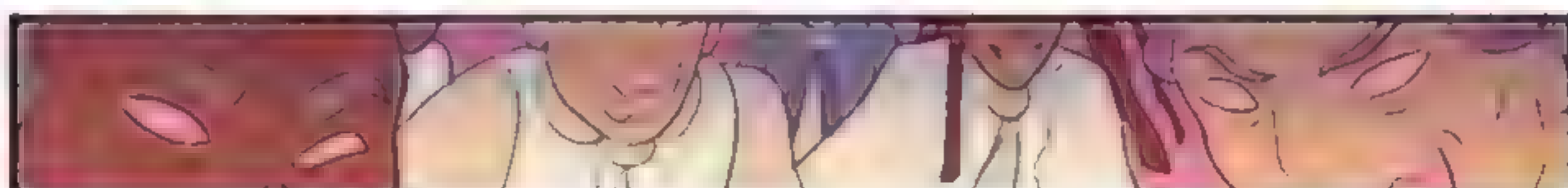
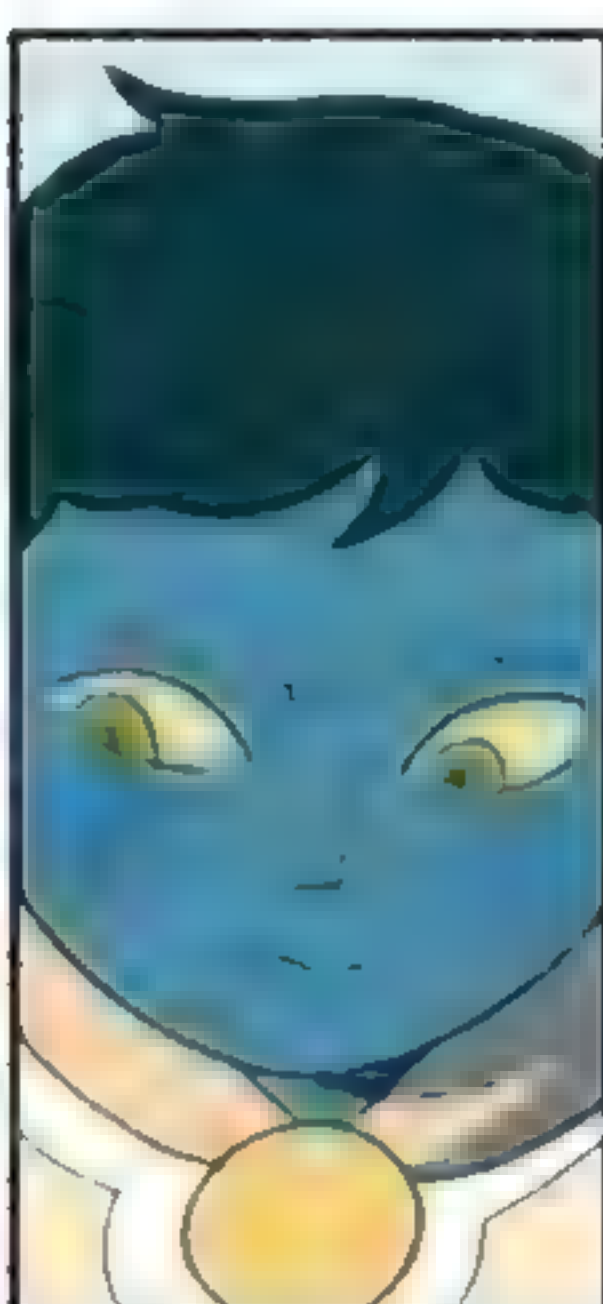


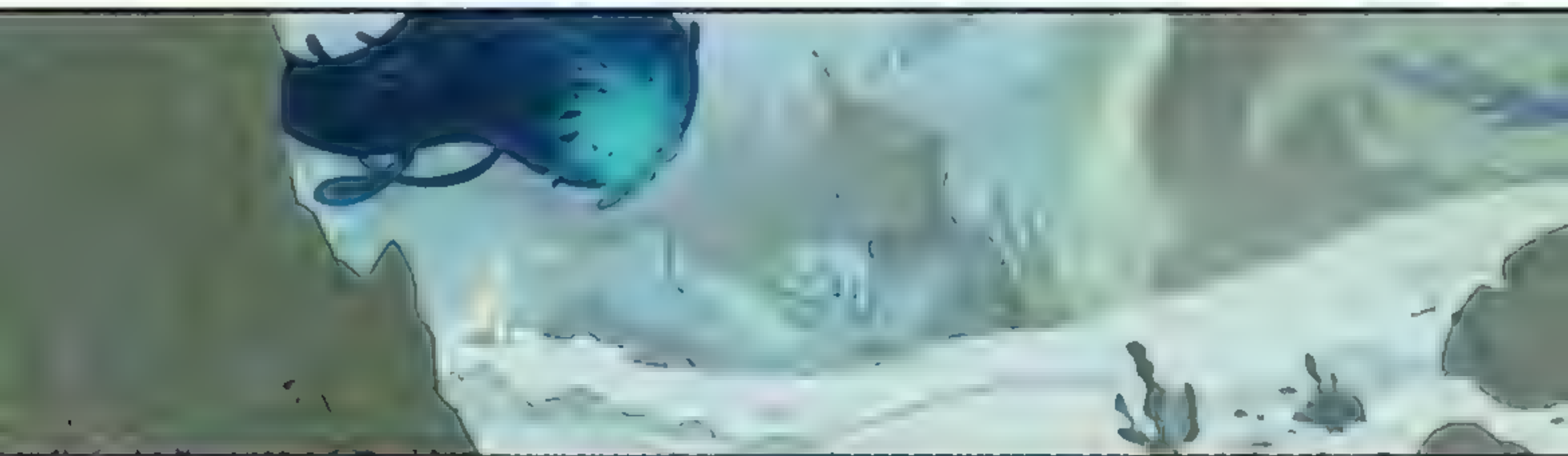
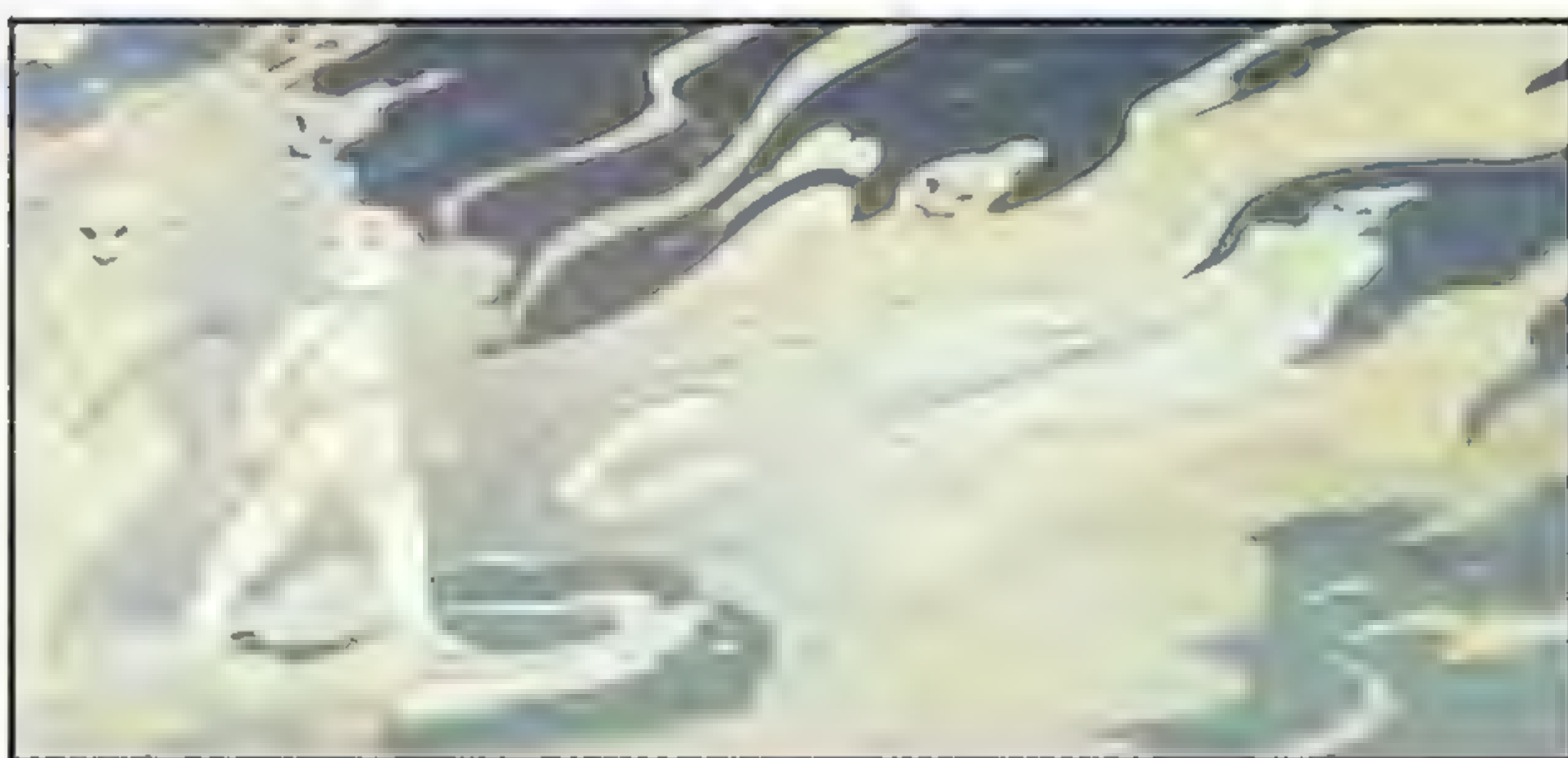
AN INNOCENT MISTAKE, I'M SURE.



COME ALONG, DEAR. WE'LL TEACH YOU TO *FOLLOW* IN THE *FOOTSTEPS* OF THOSE WHO KNOW BEST.

TRUST YOUR LEADERS....

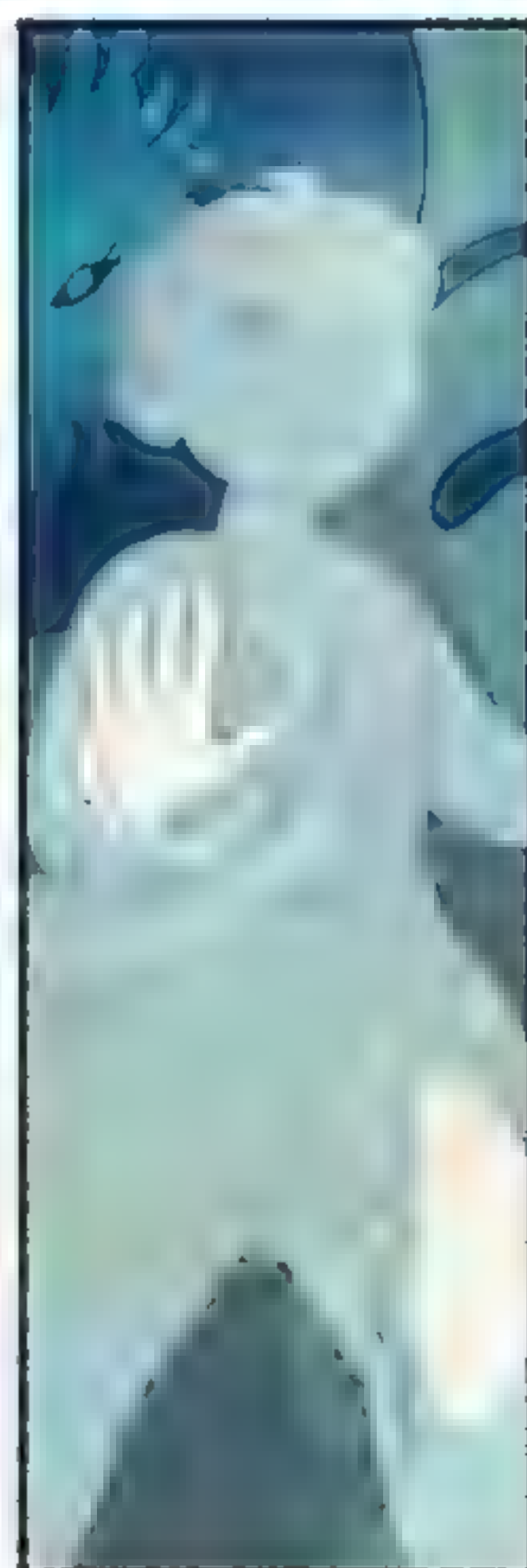


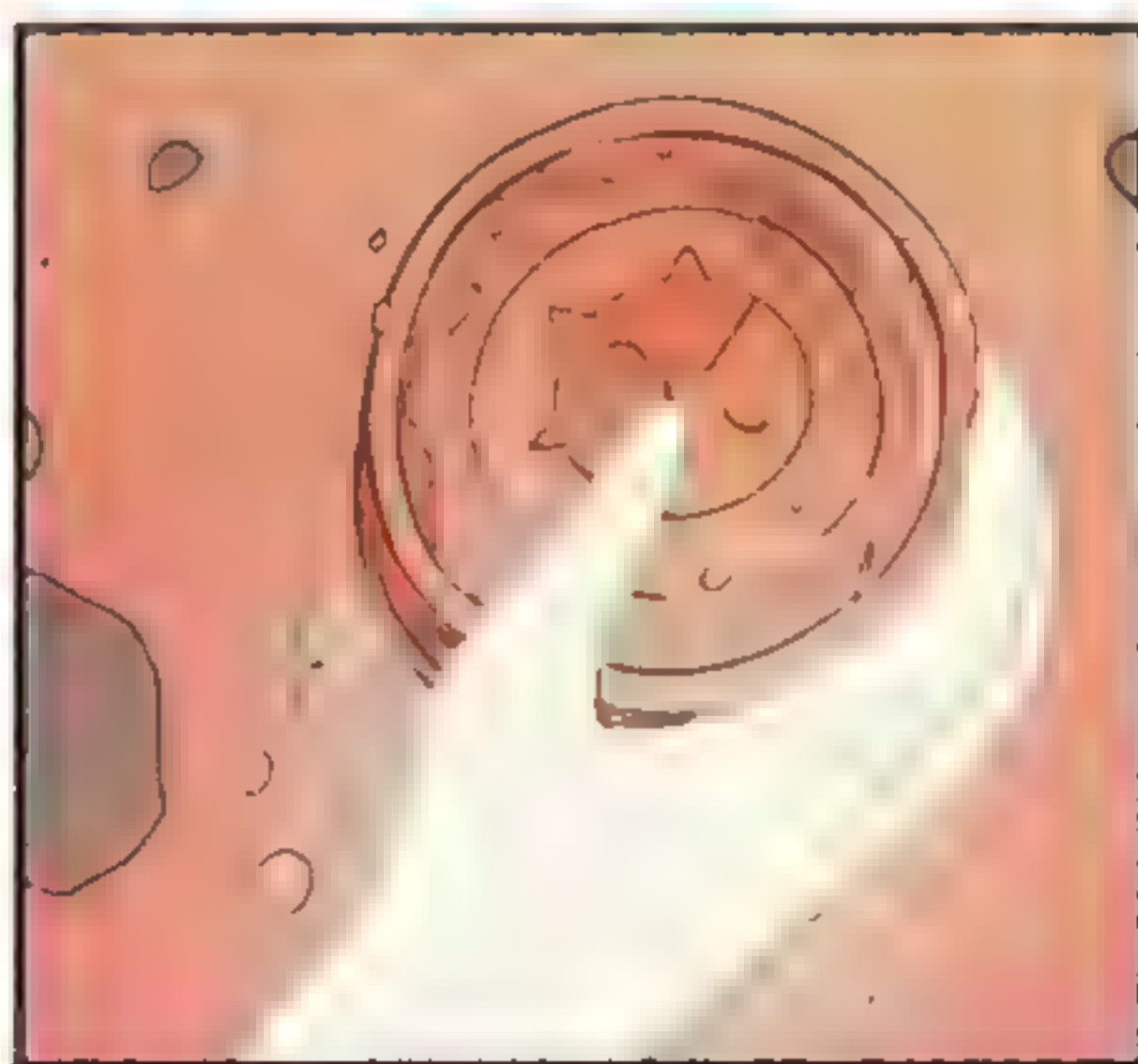
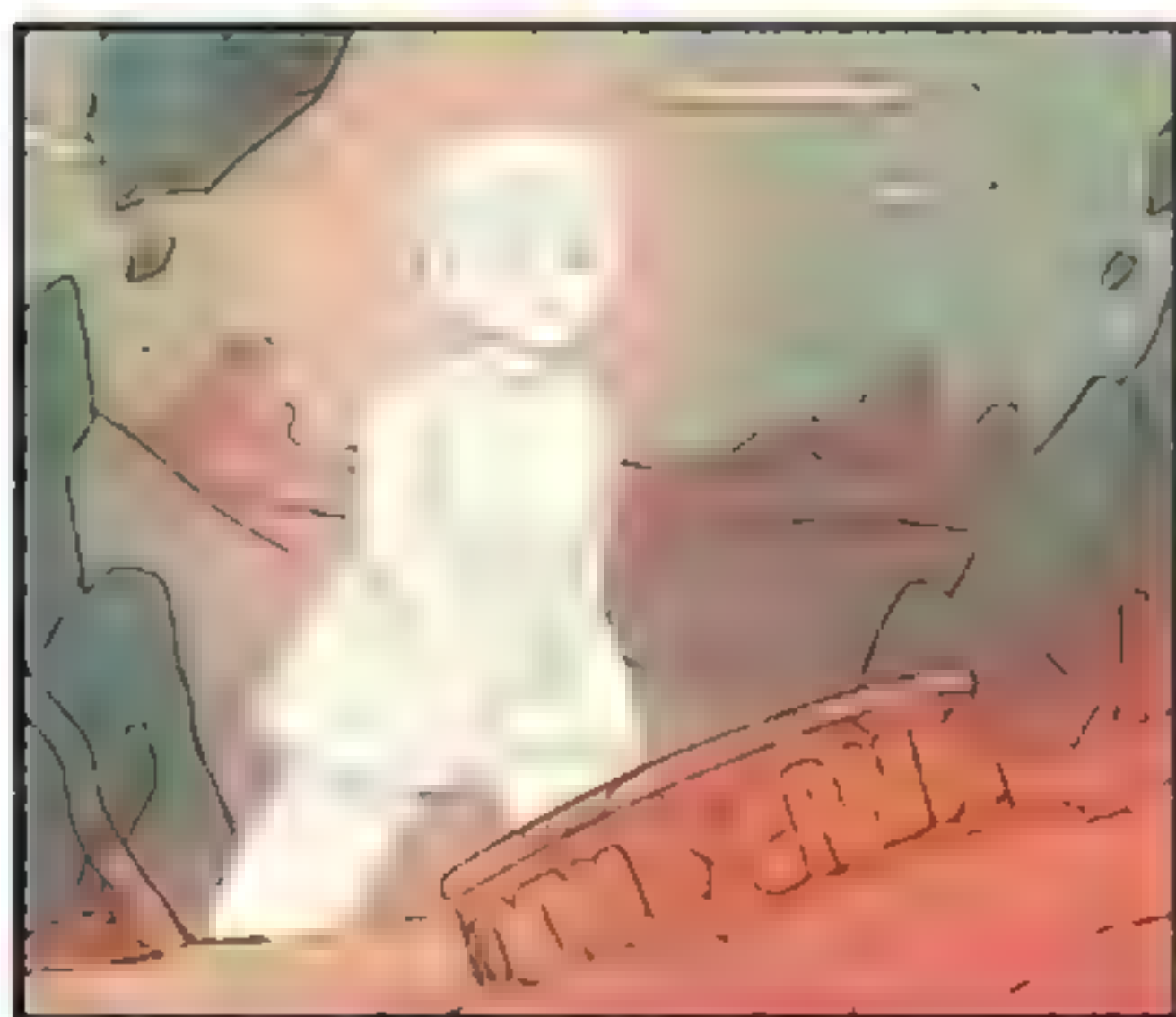
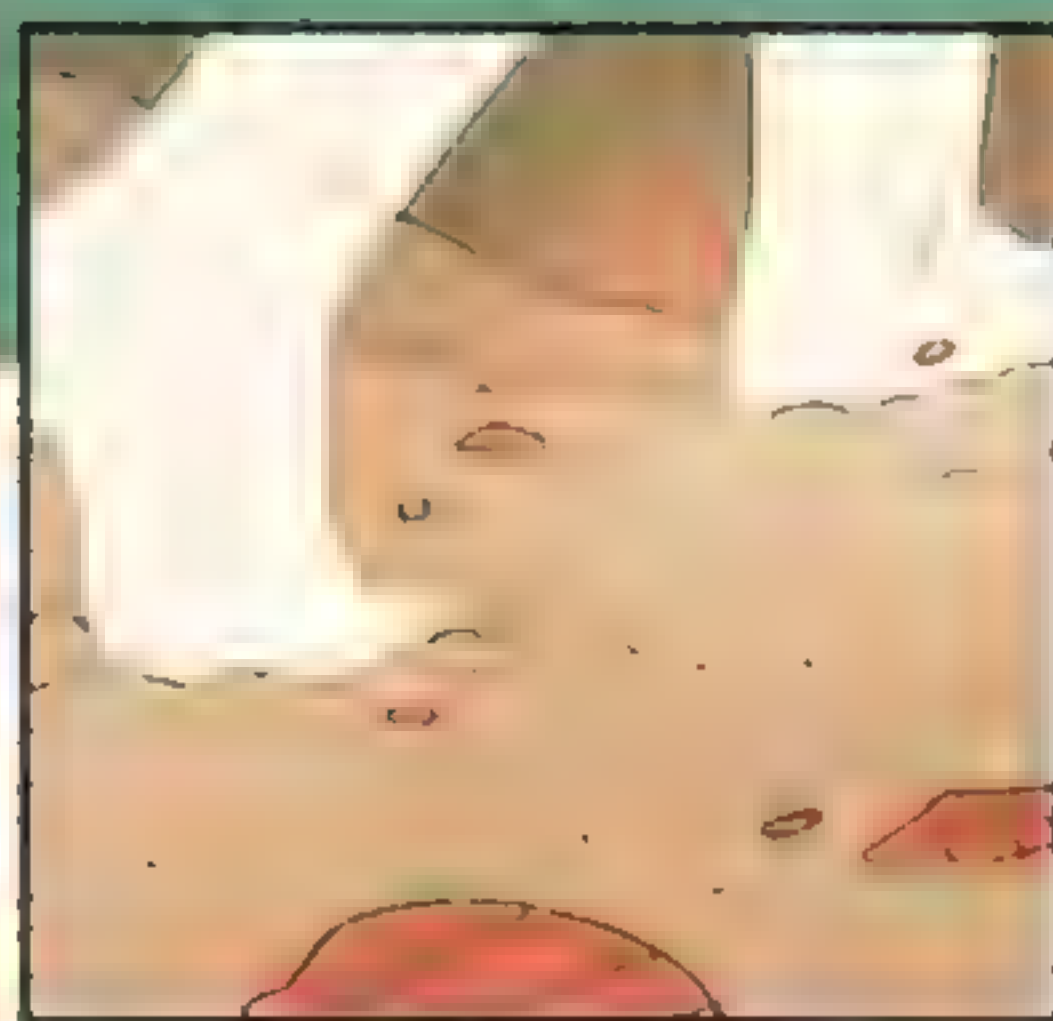


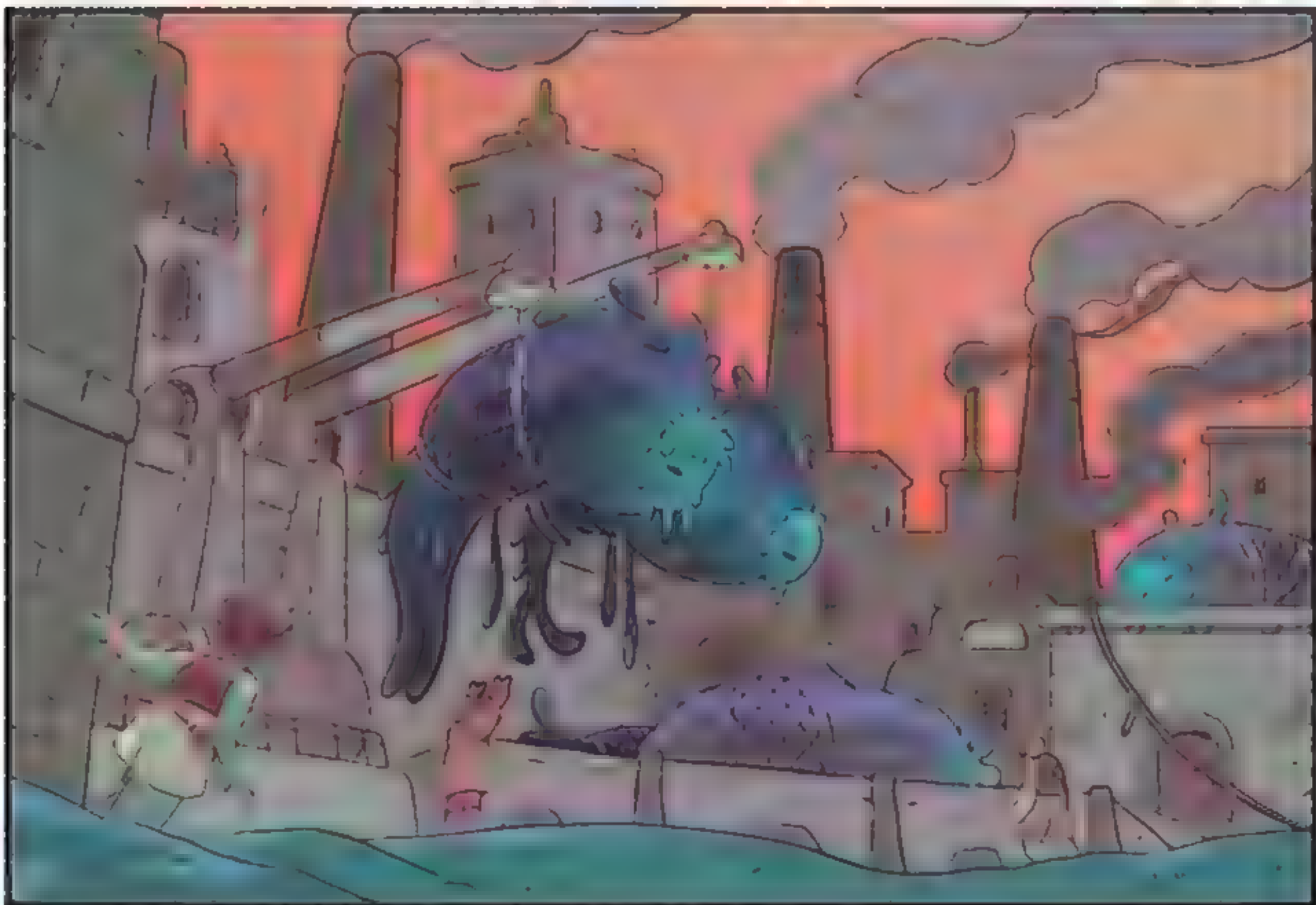
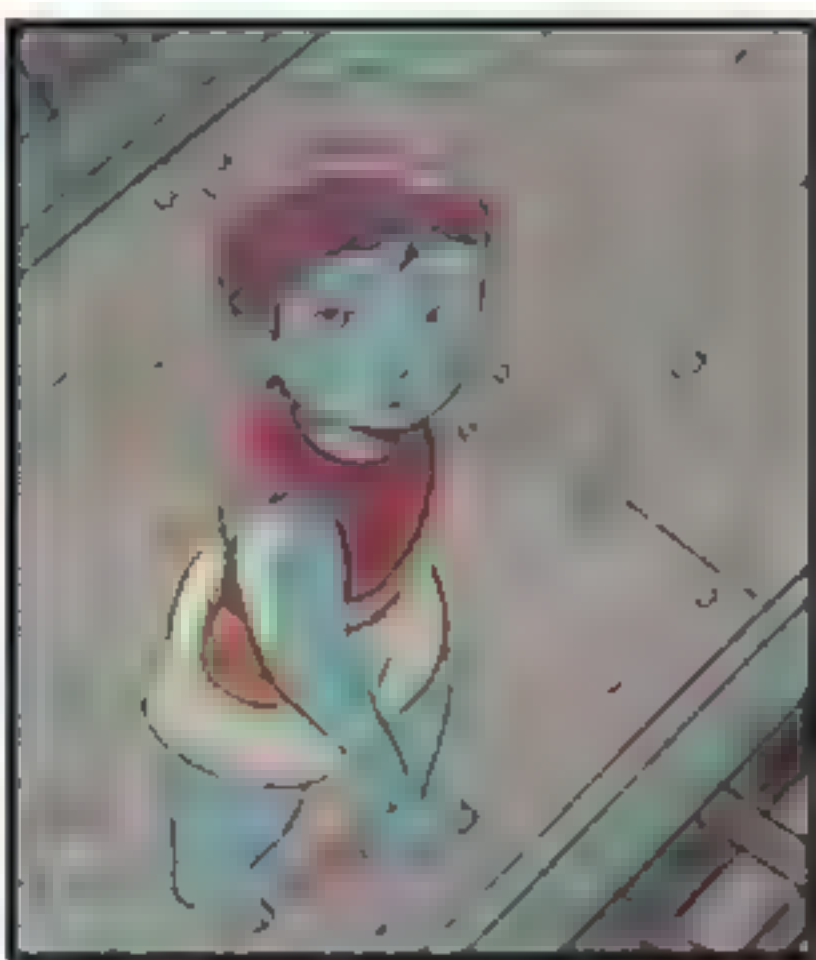
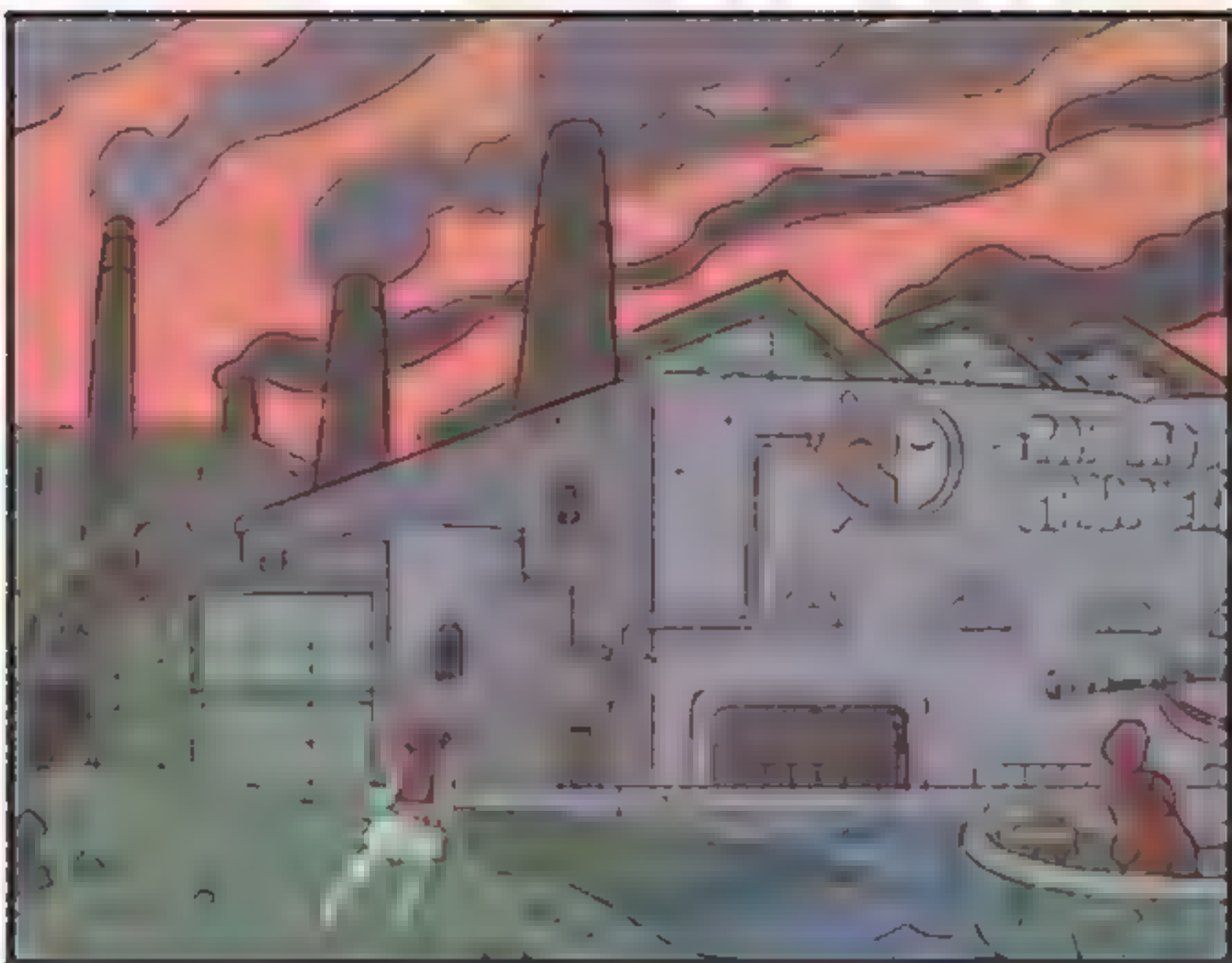
THAT
WAS IN
THE AGE OF
GRIMBO (A).

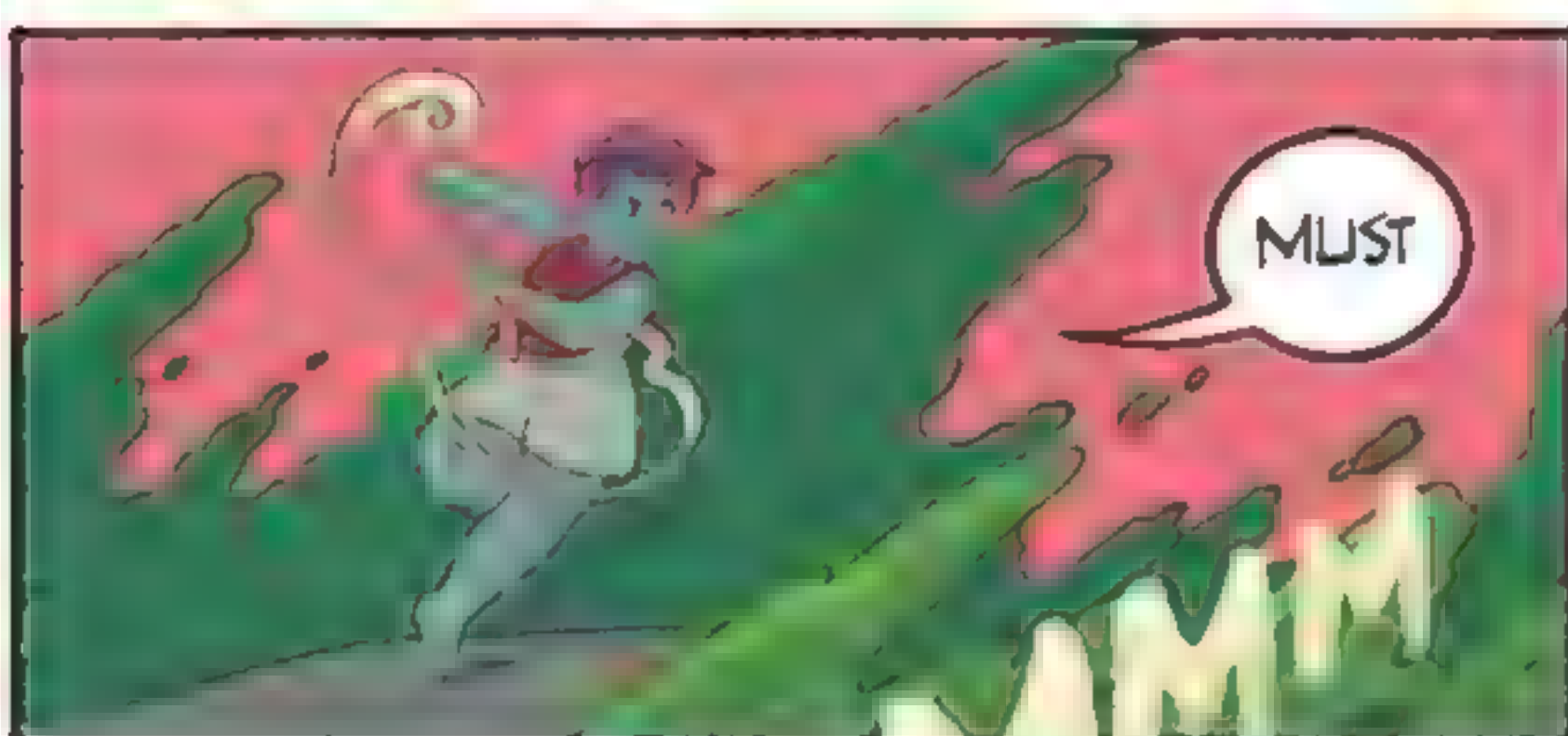
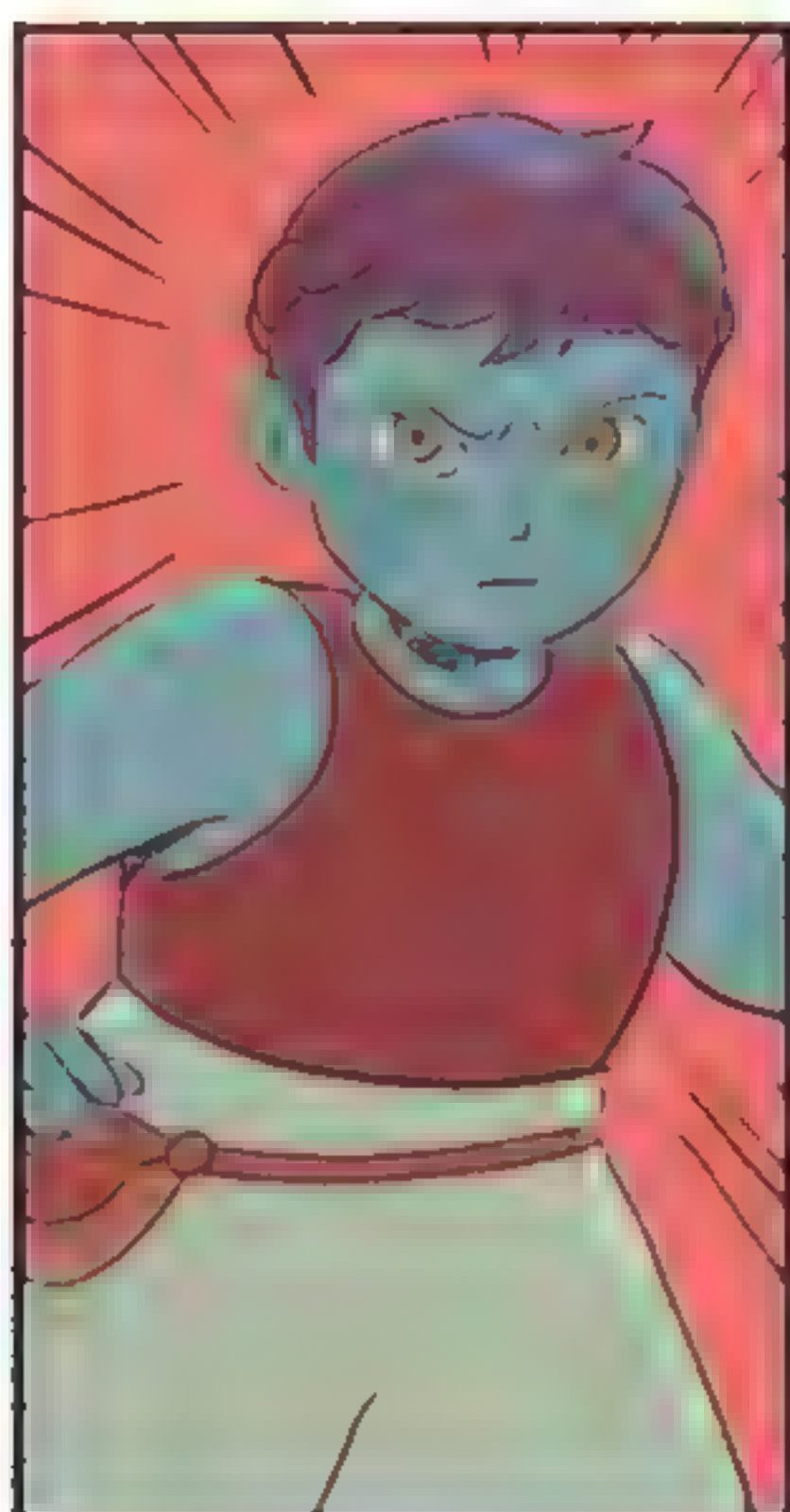


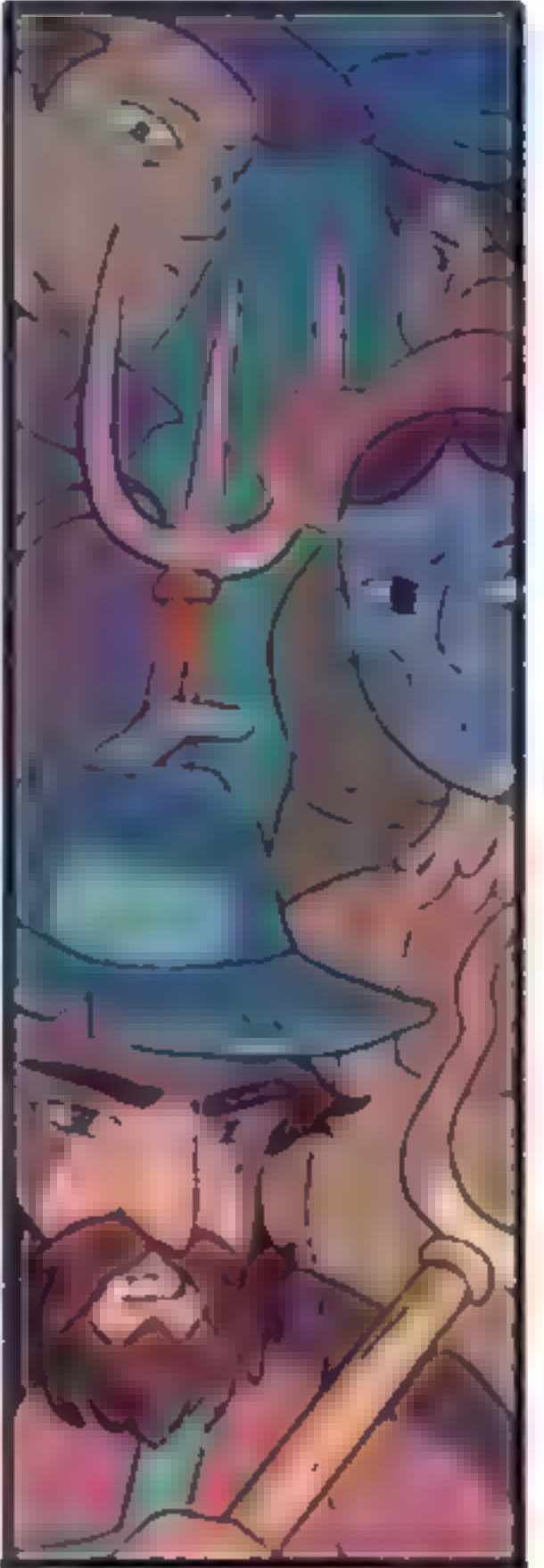
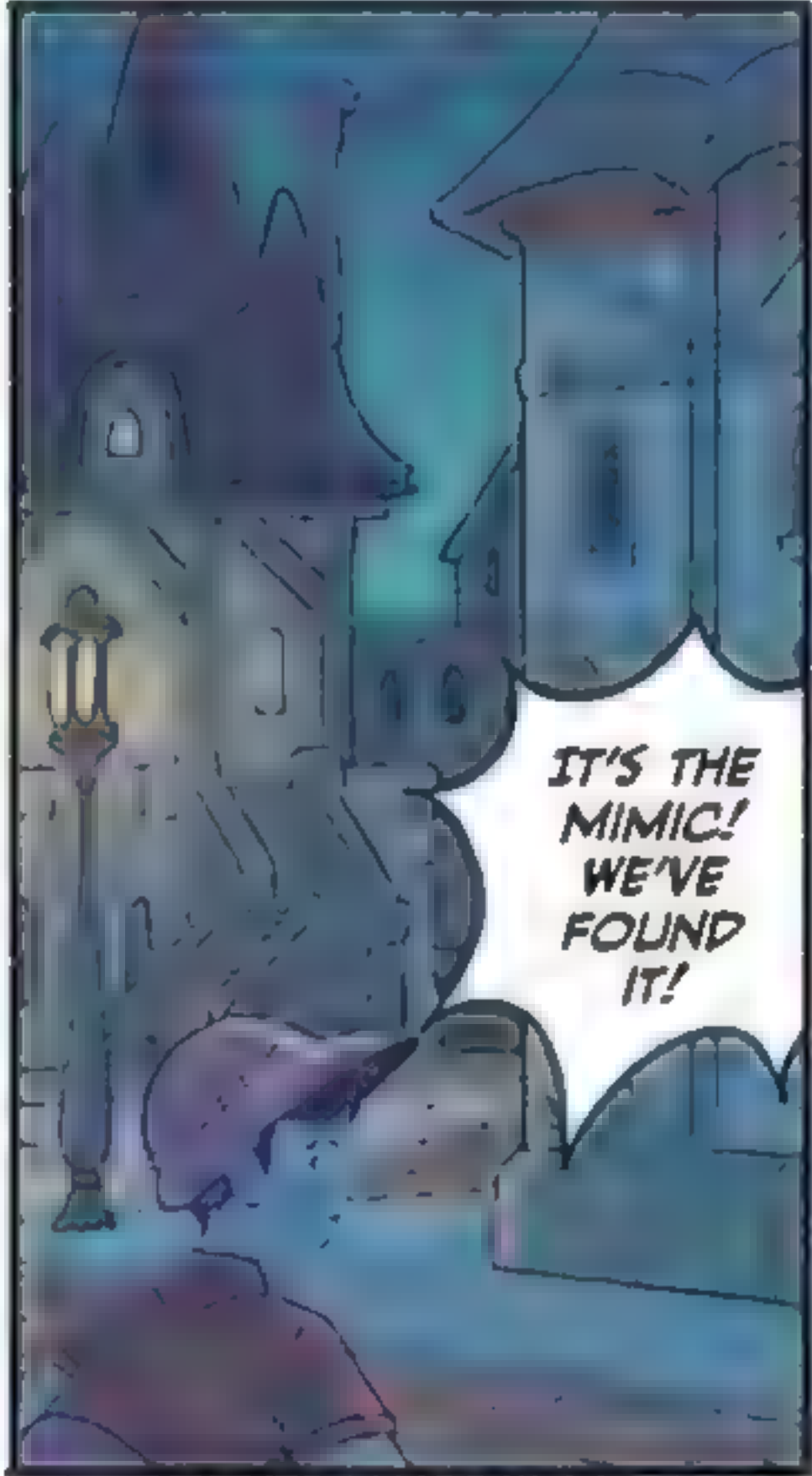
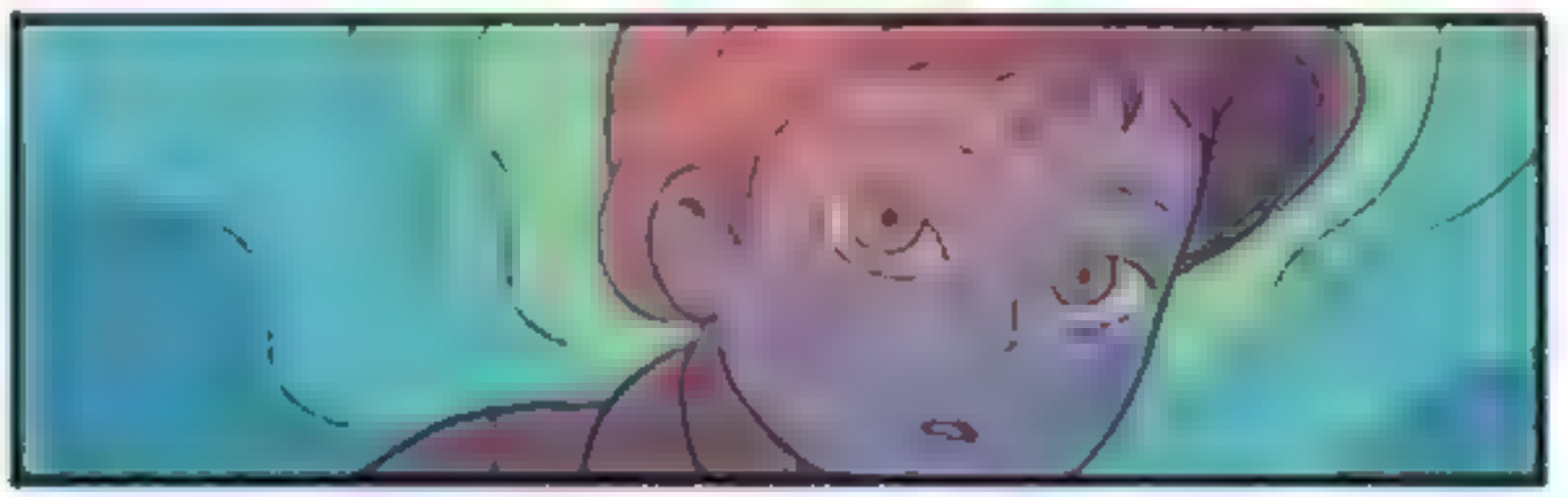
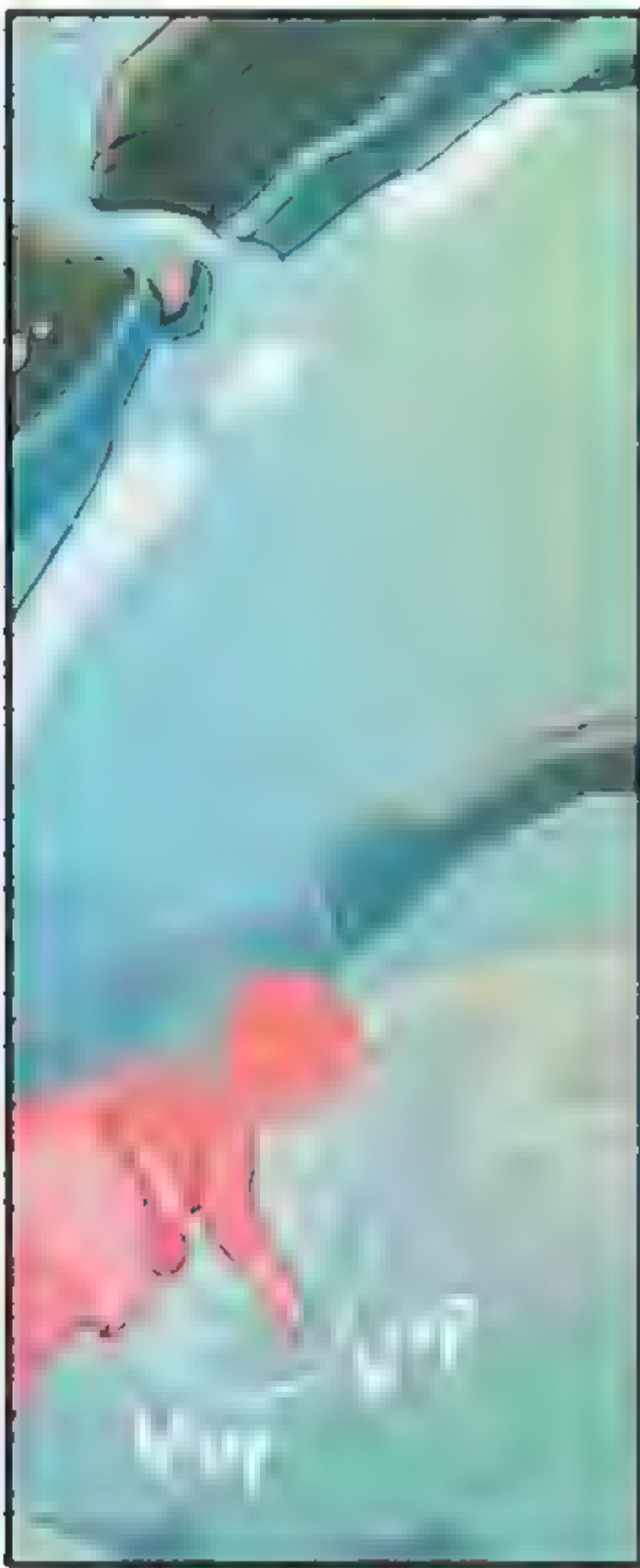
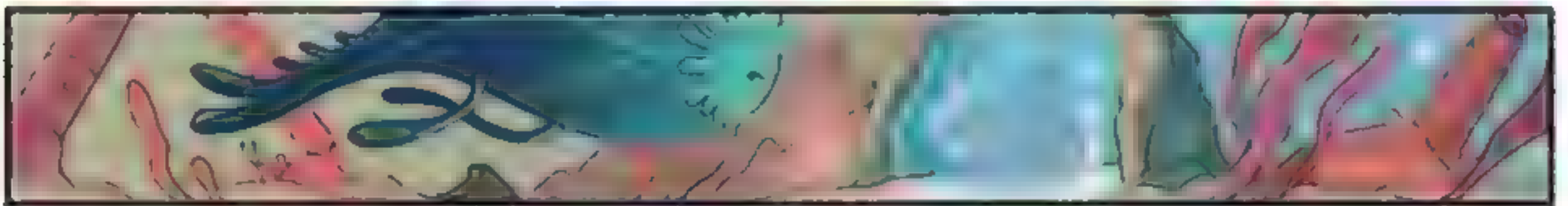
MIGHTY
SAND MASTERS
FROM THE MOTHER
WORLD BUILT THEIR
FLOATING TOWERS OF
SAND. THEY WAITED
LONG, BUT THE GODS
NEVER RESPONDED TO
THEIR CALL.

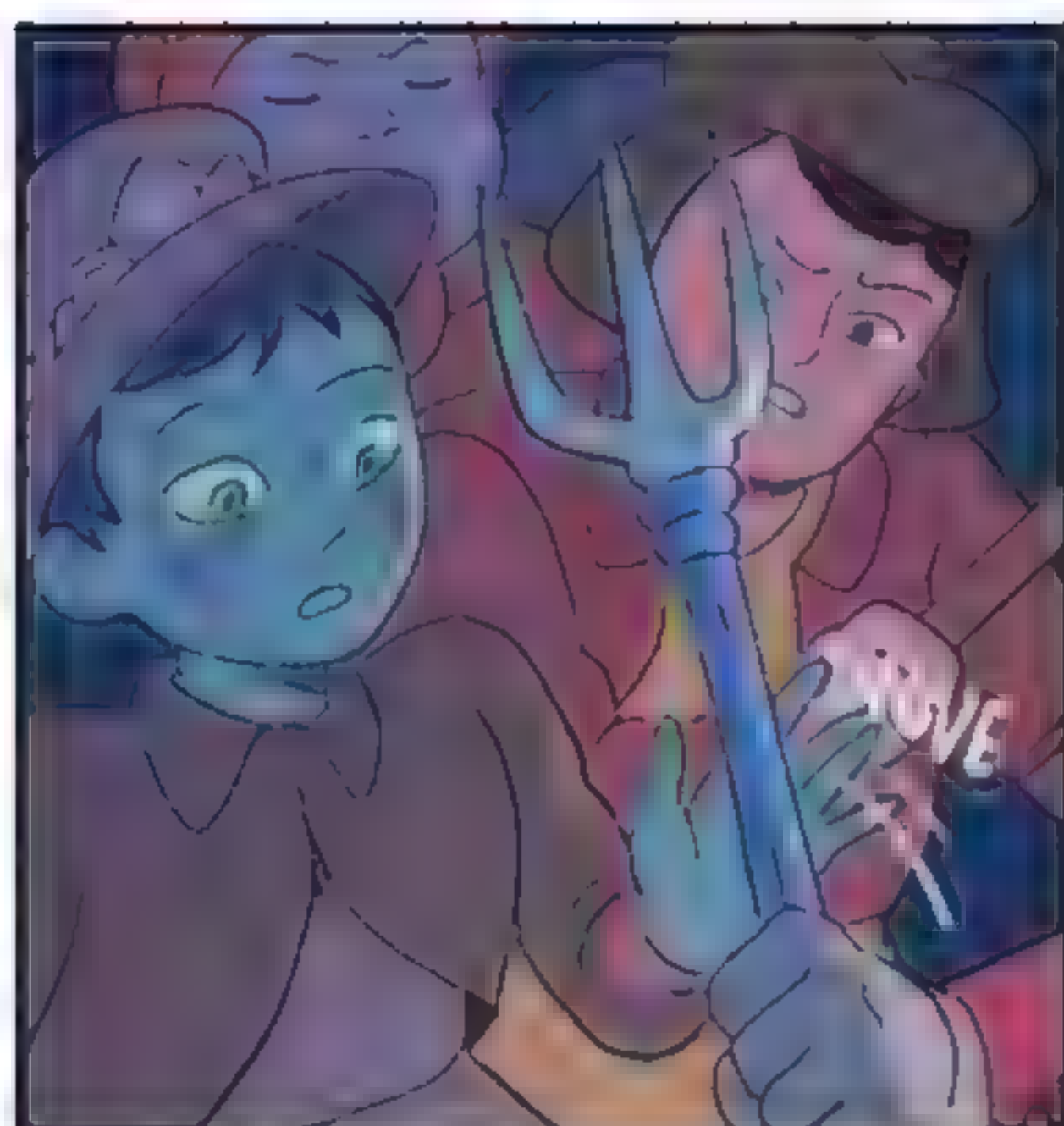


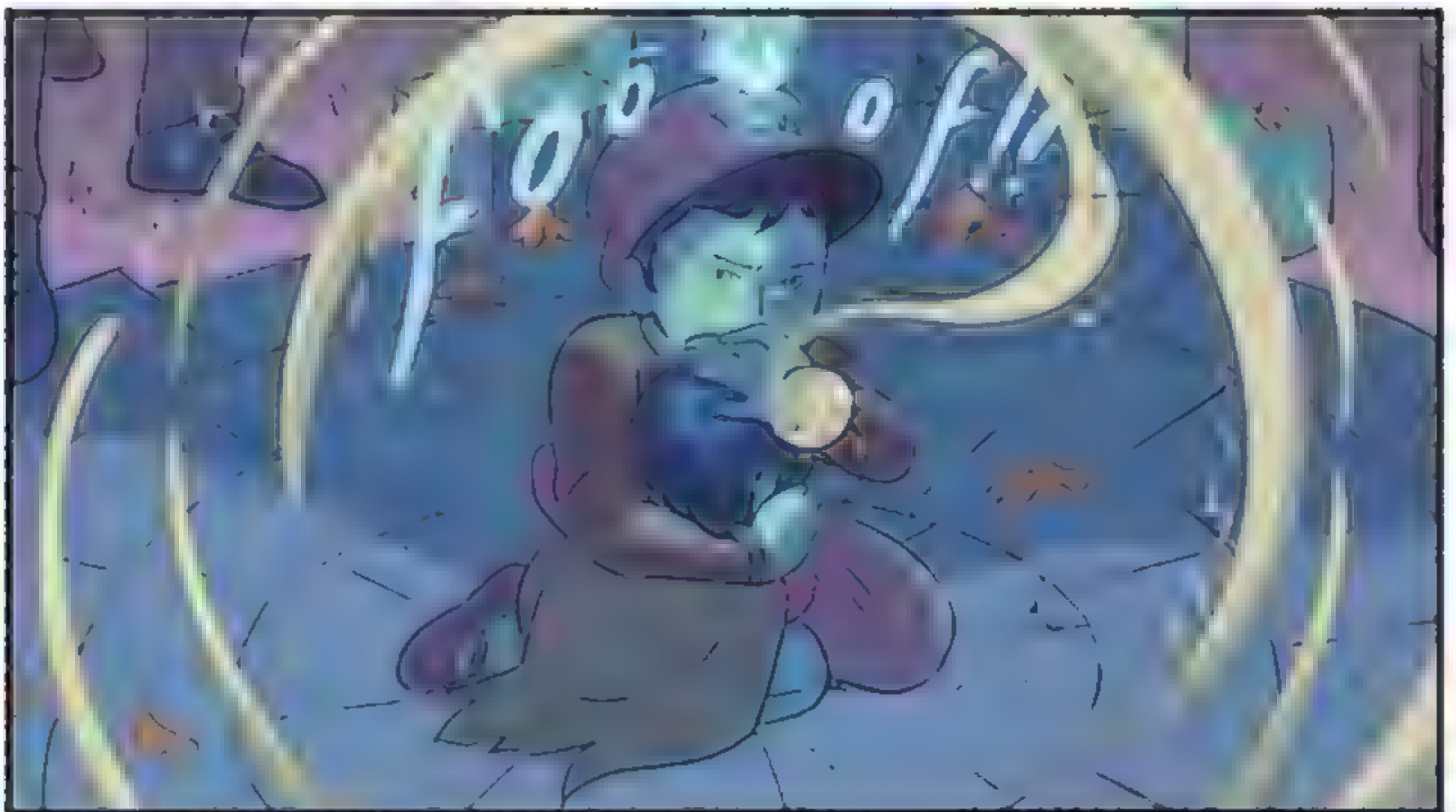
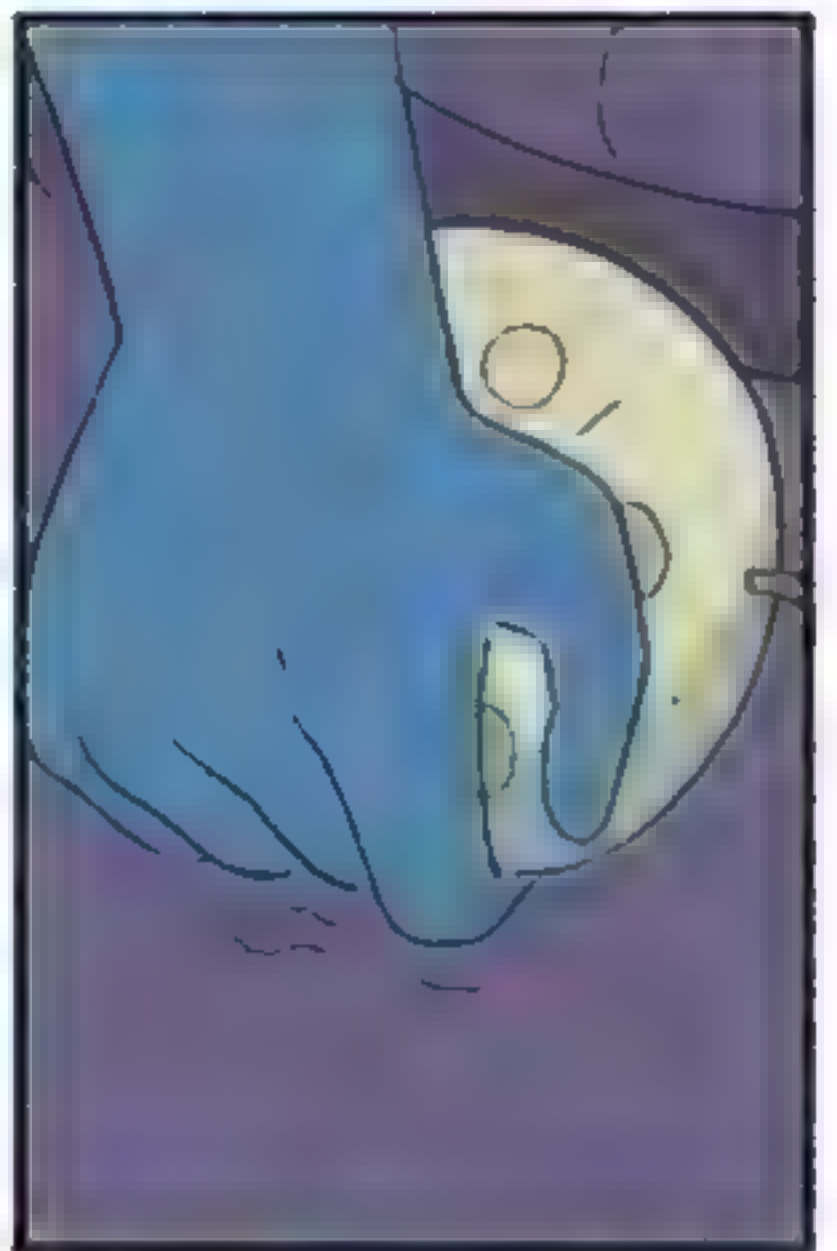
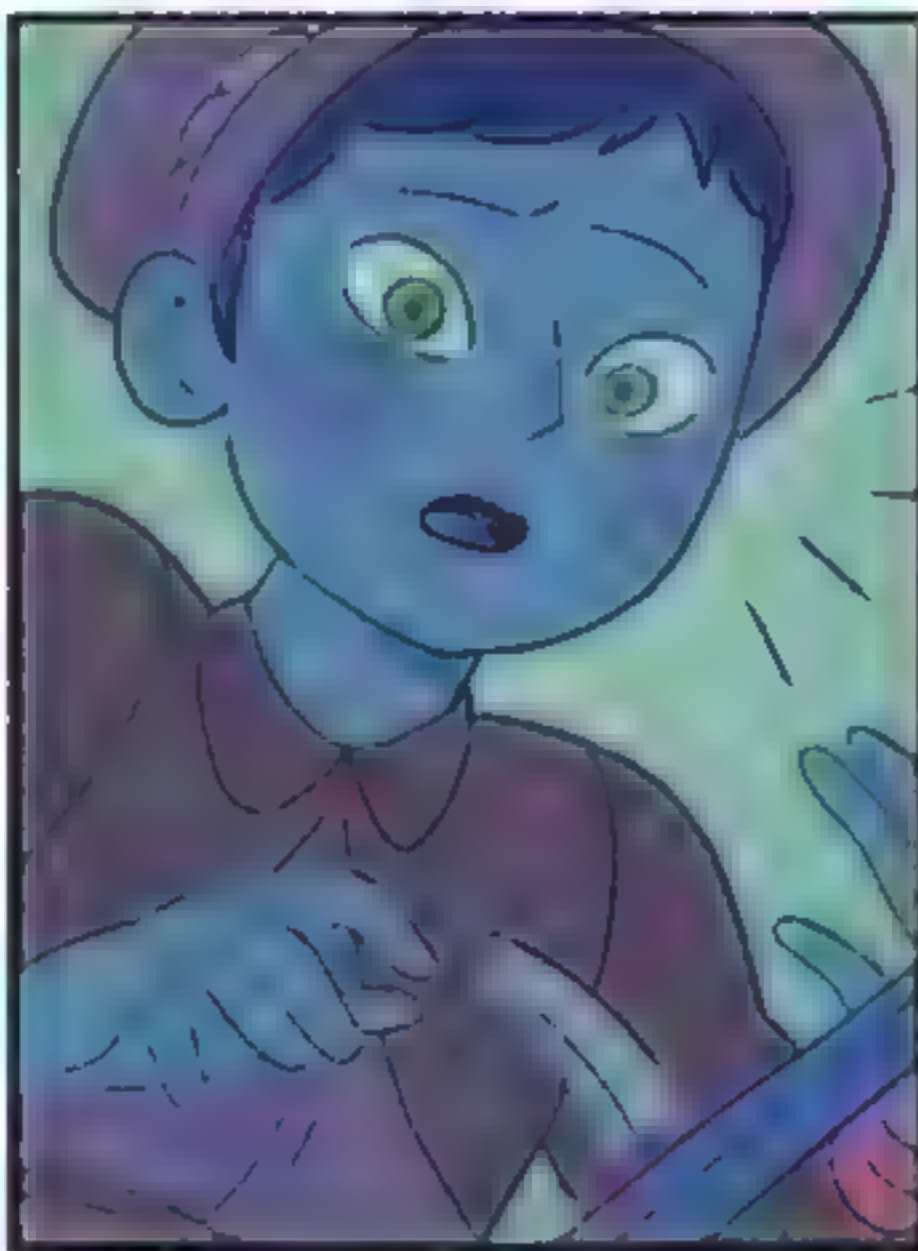
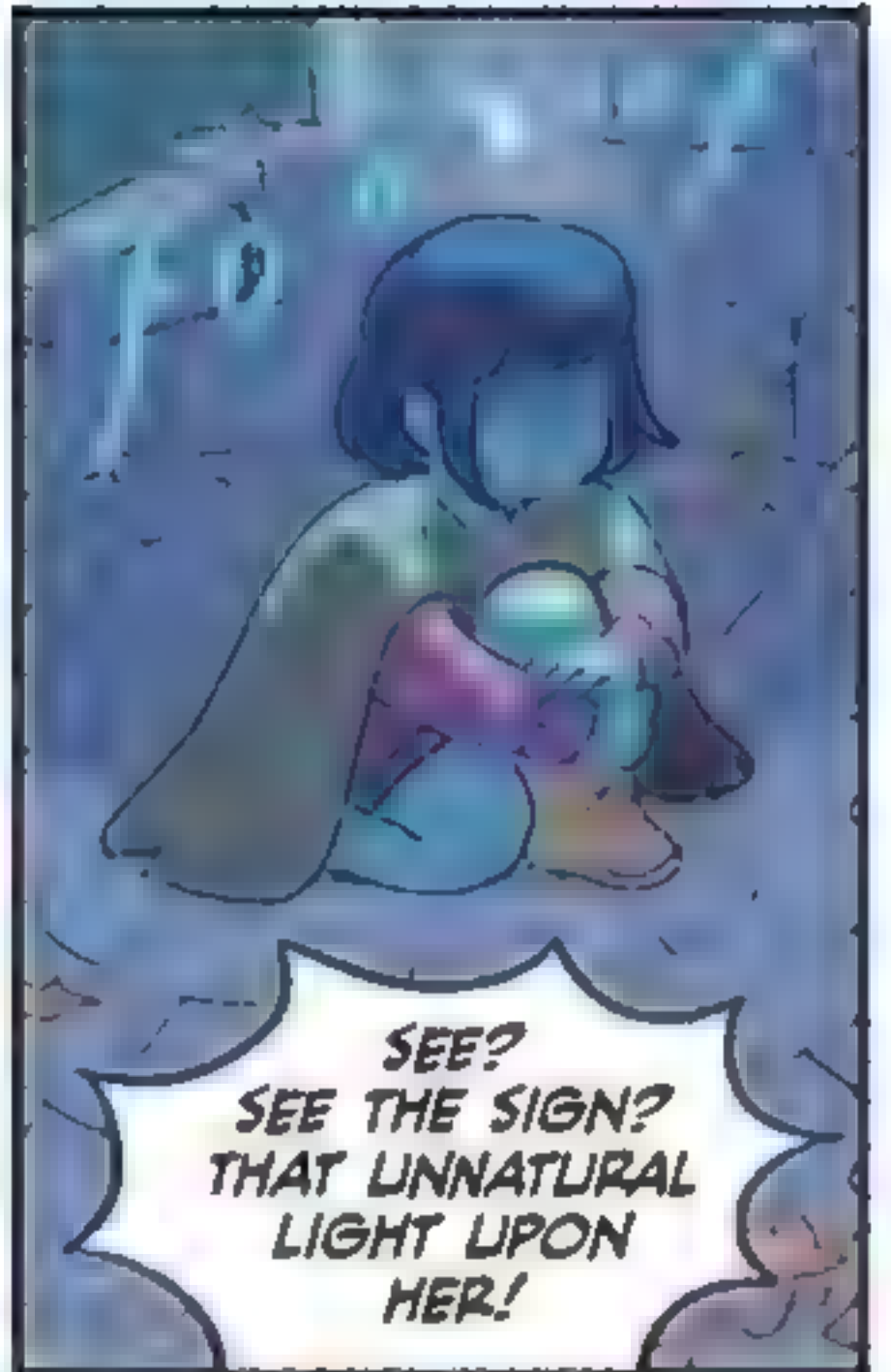


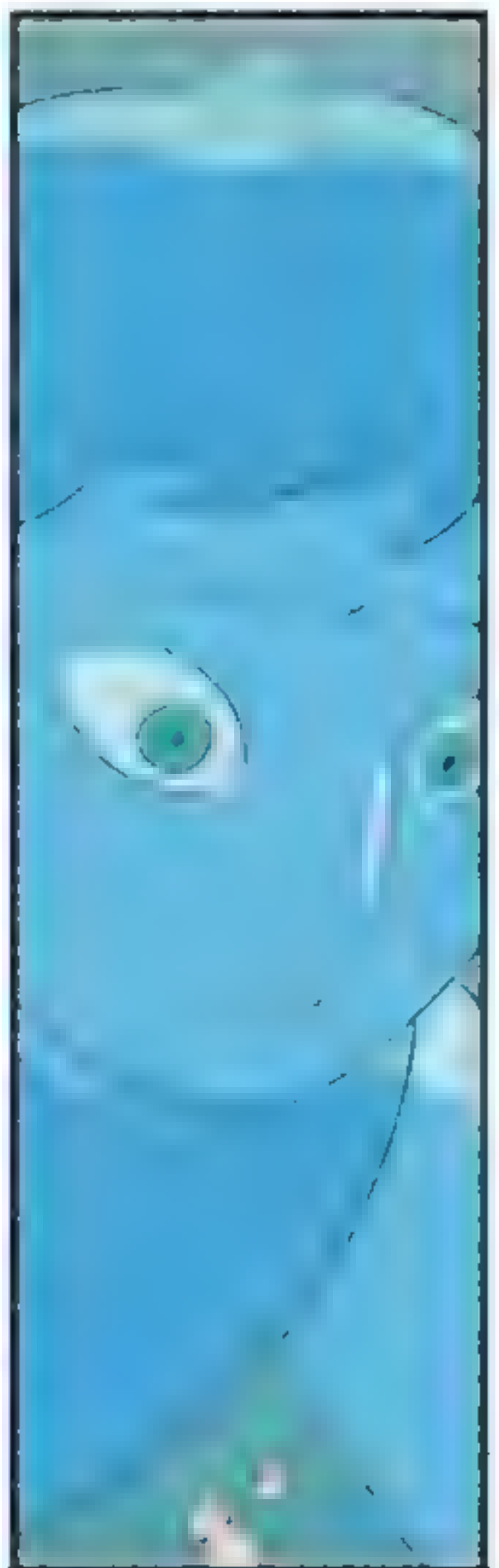
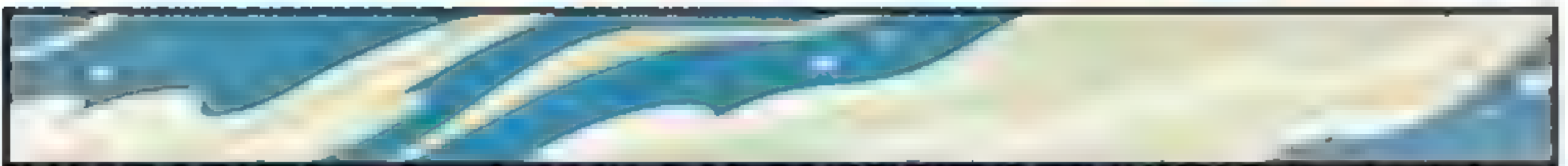


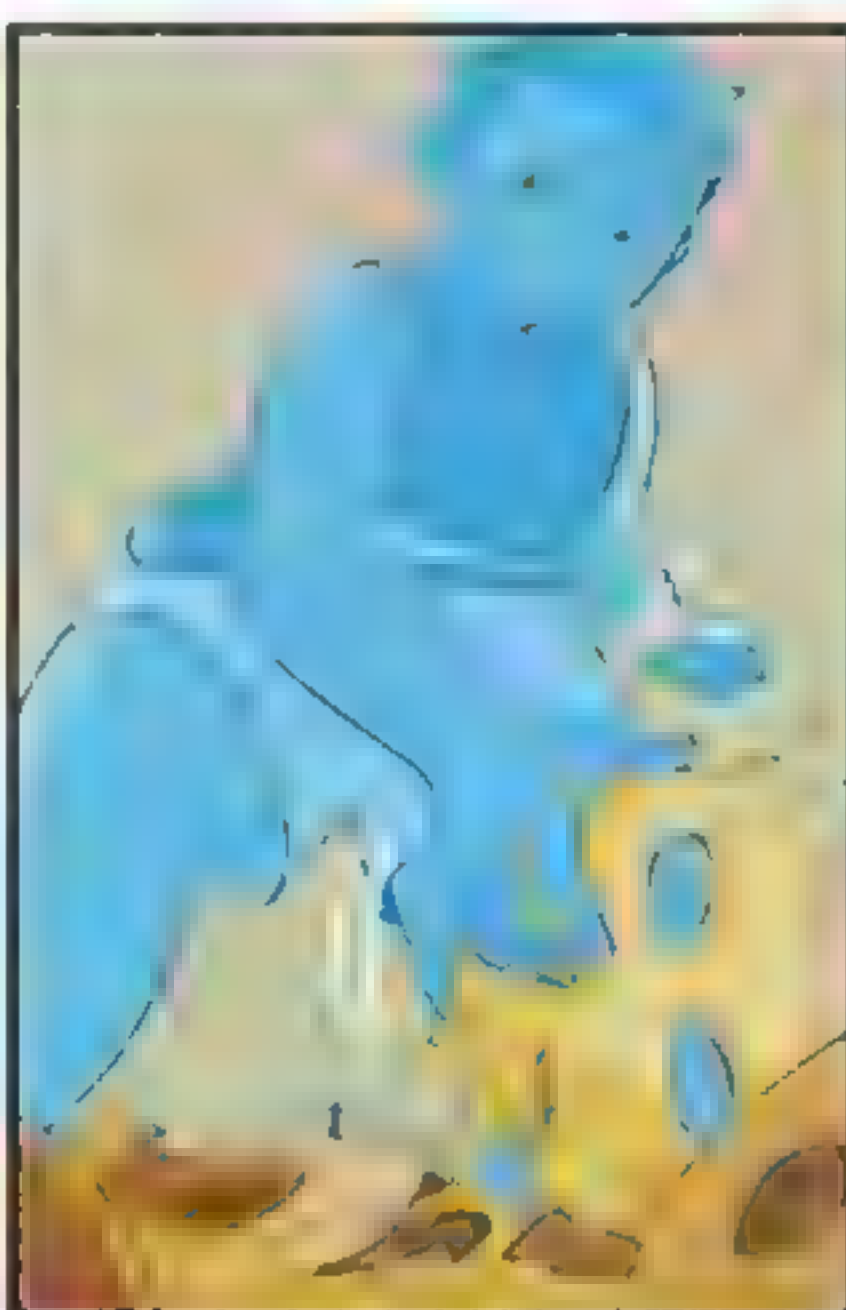
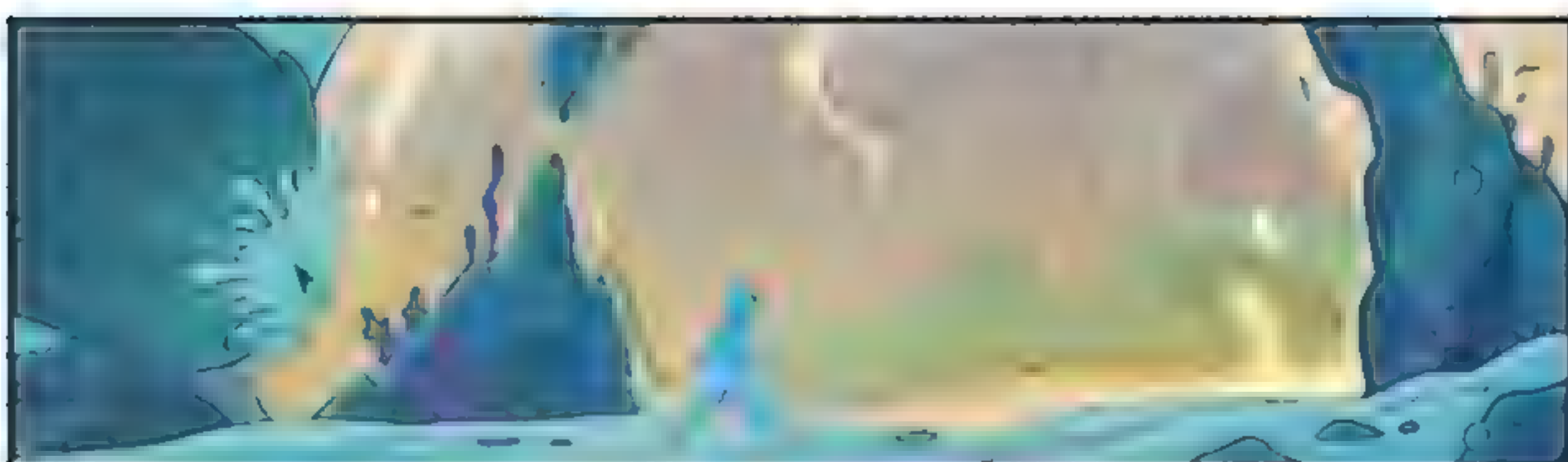


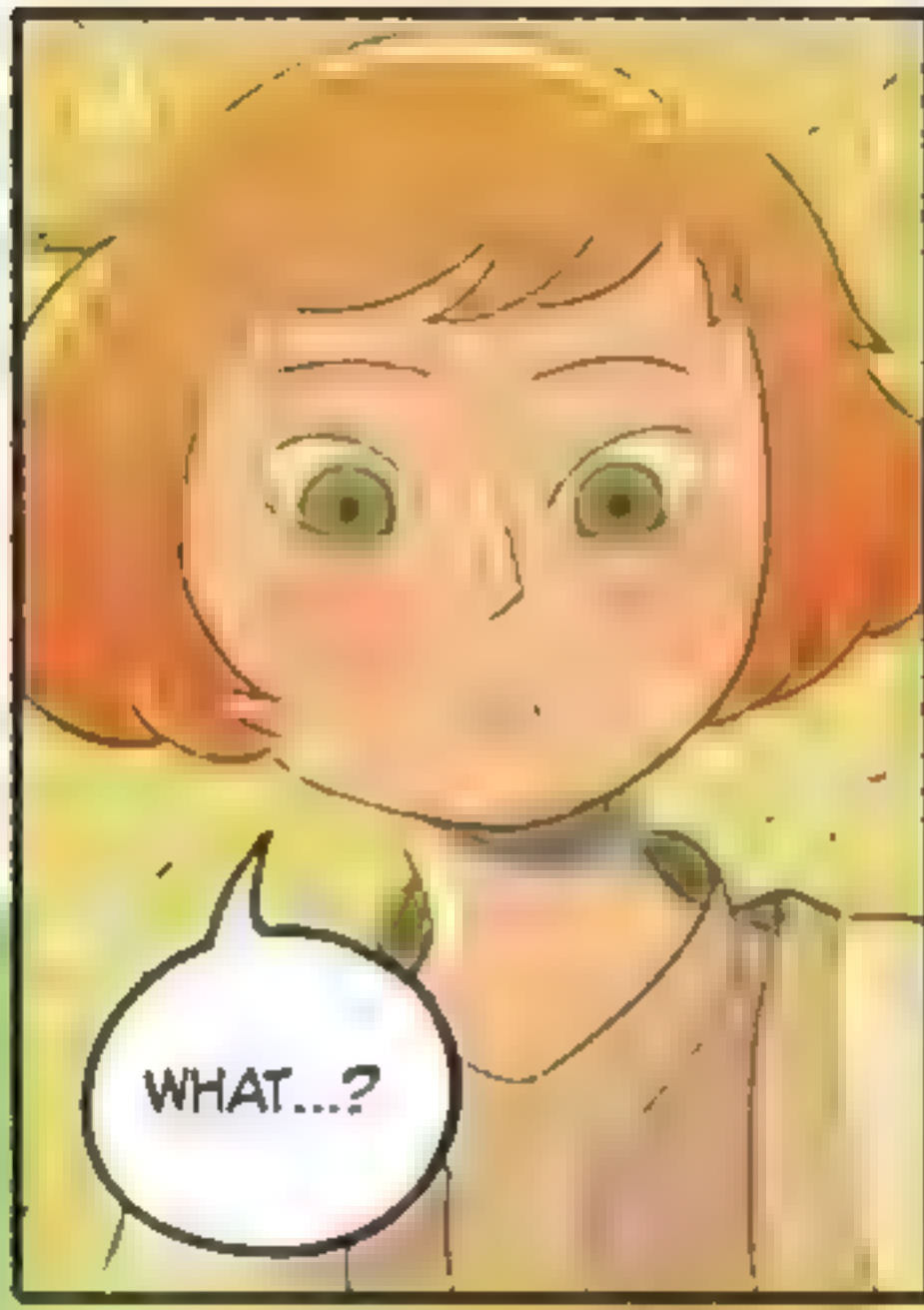
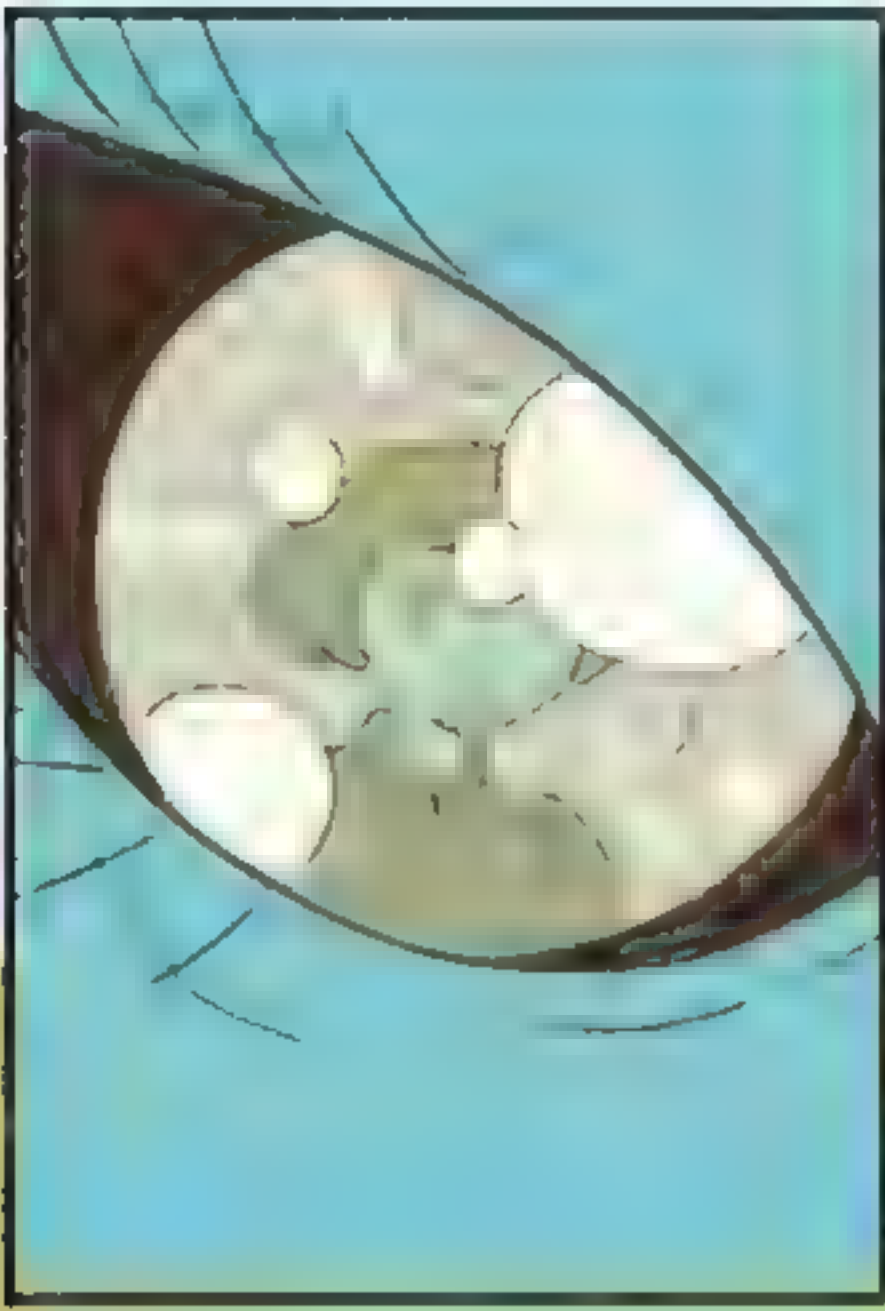








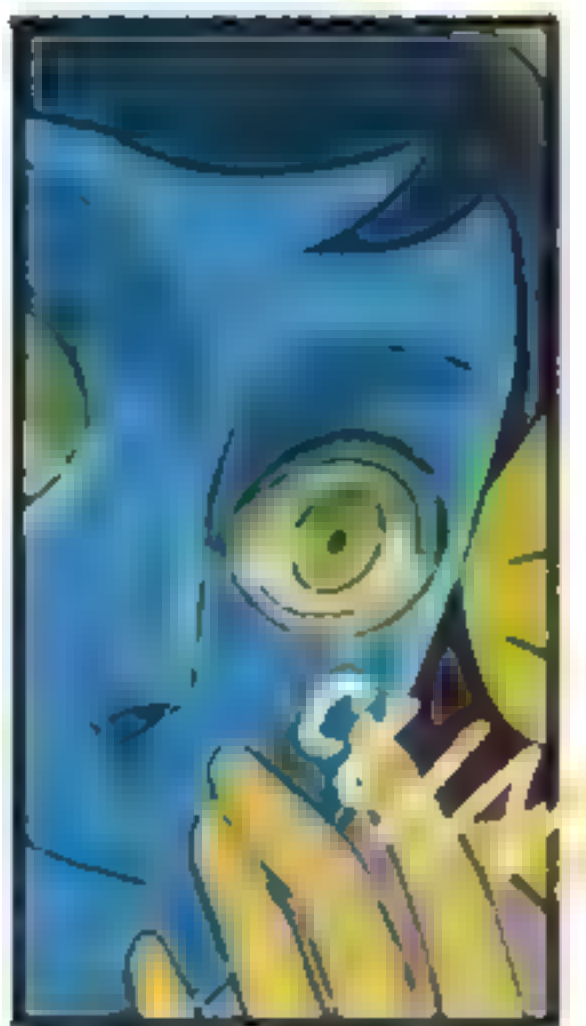
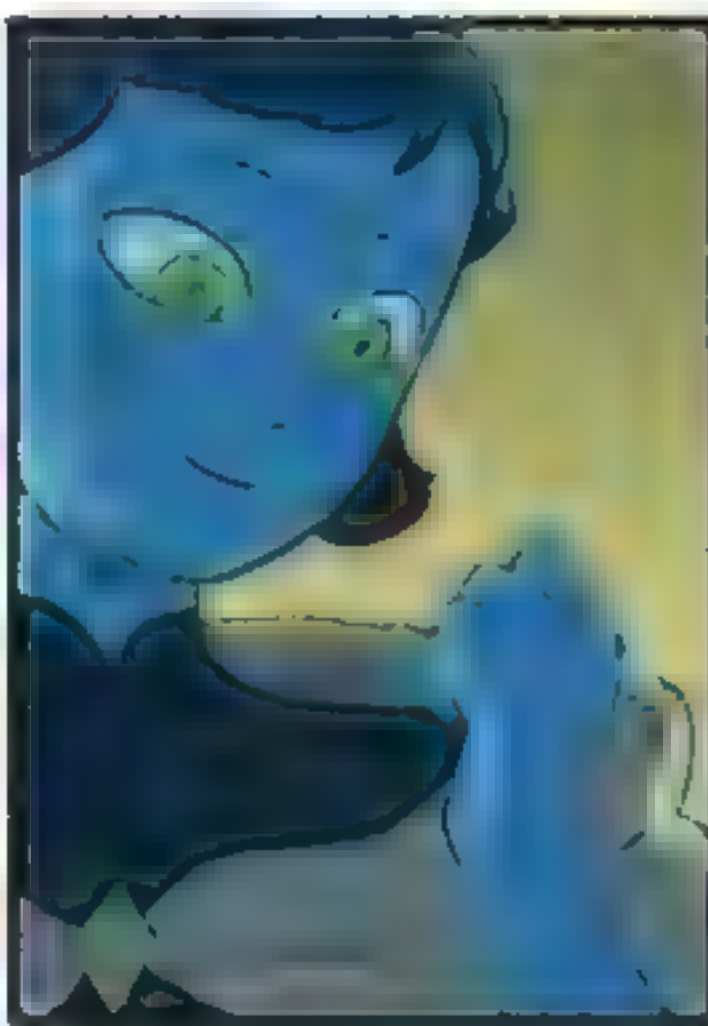
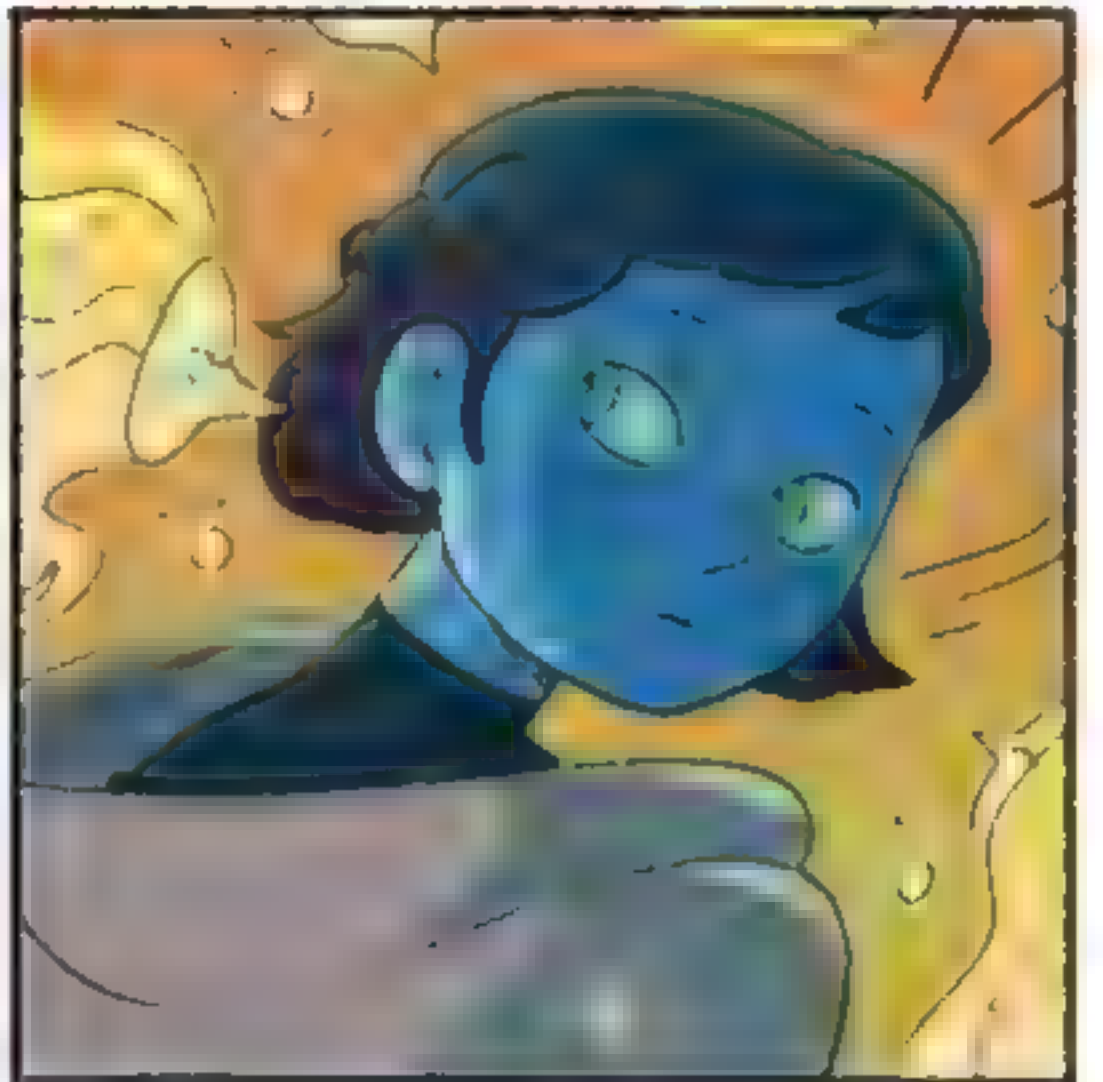
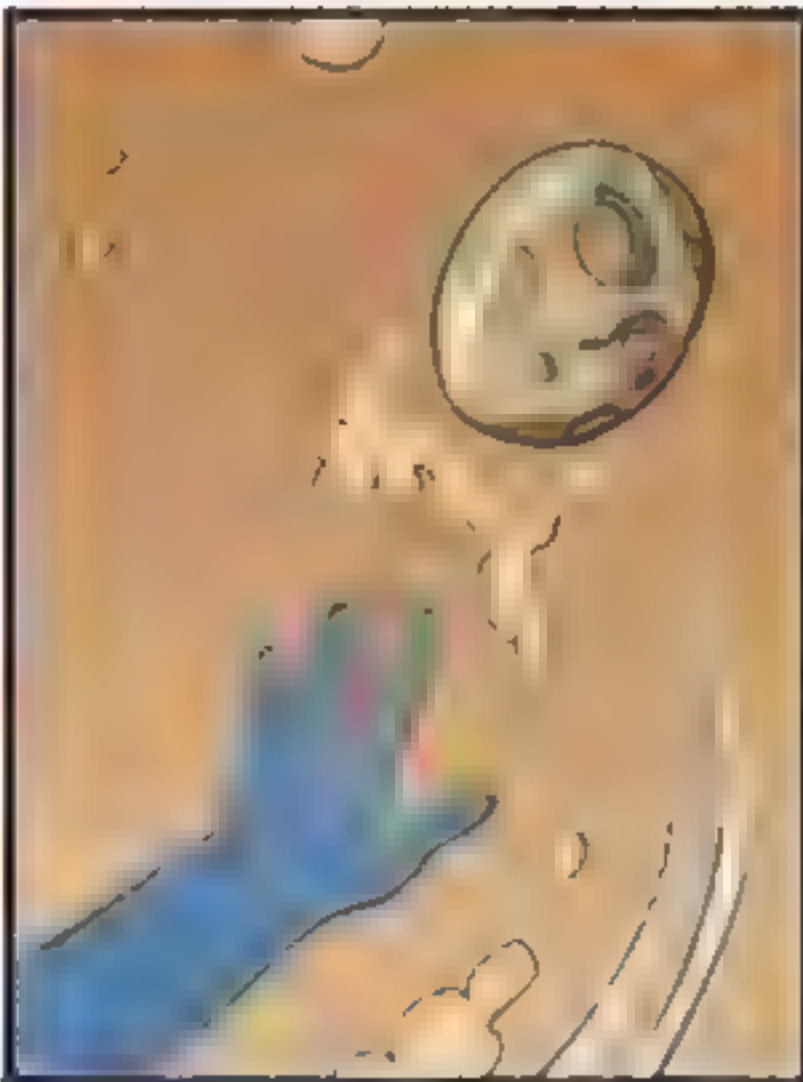
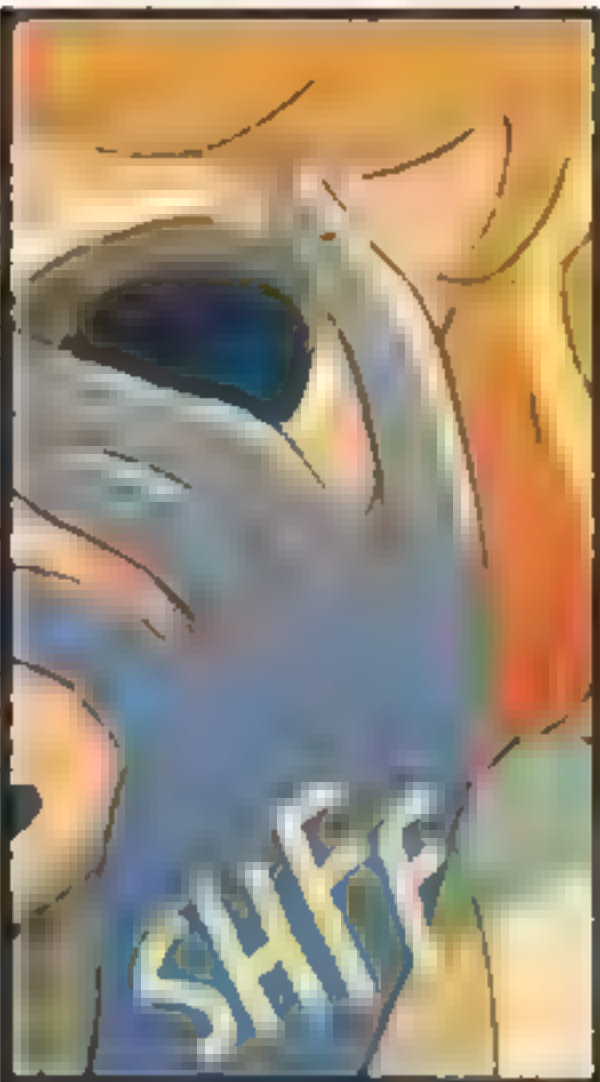
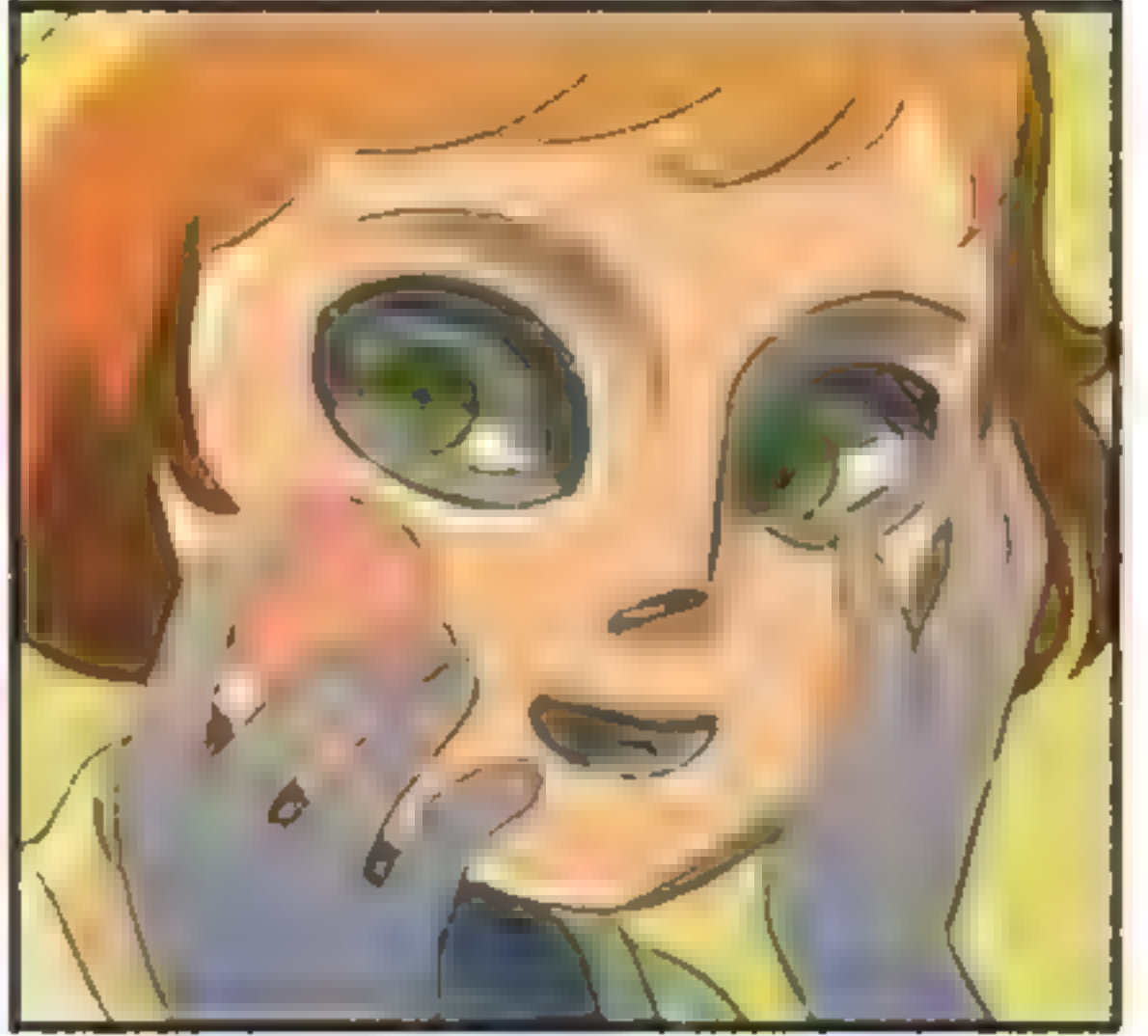
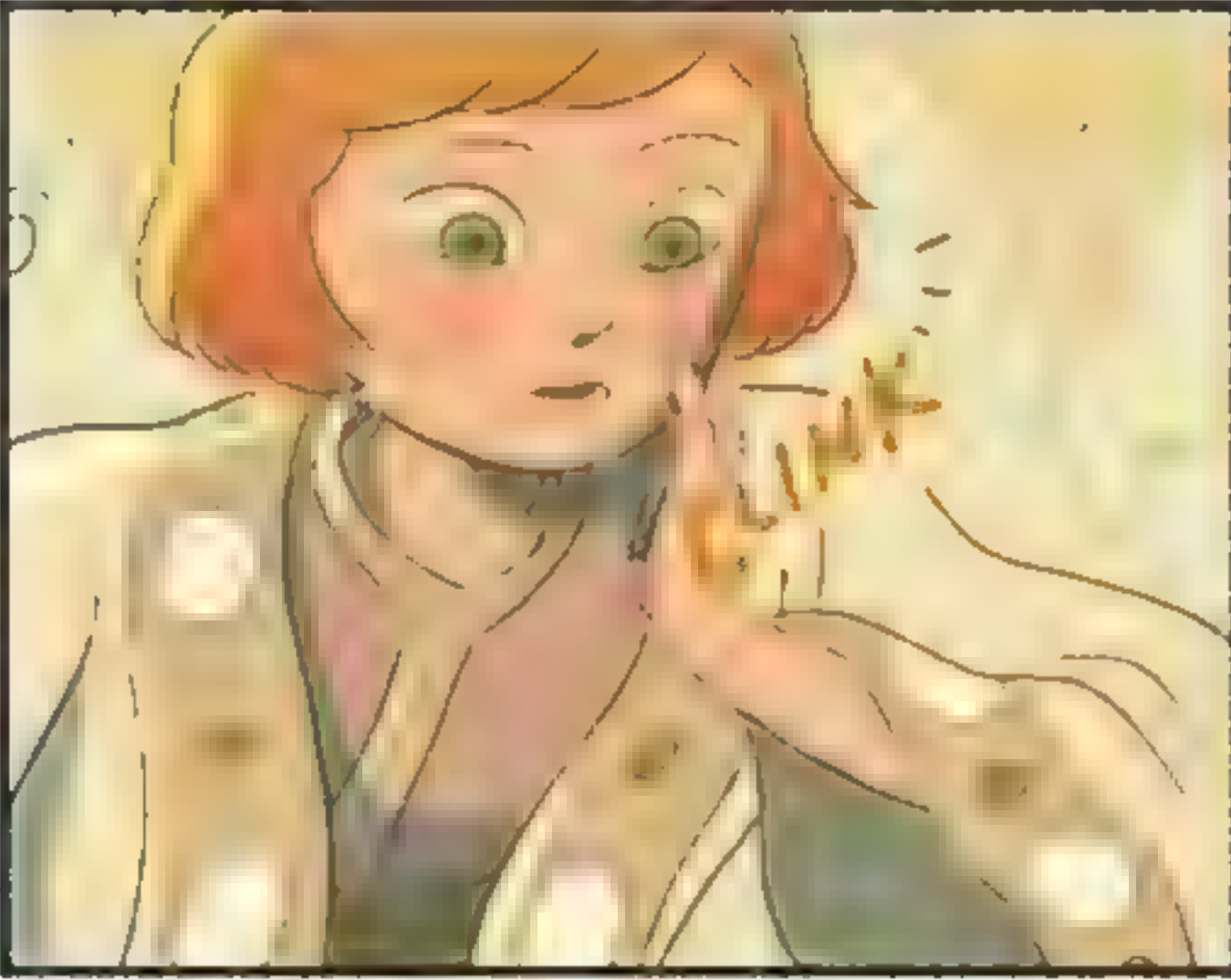


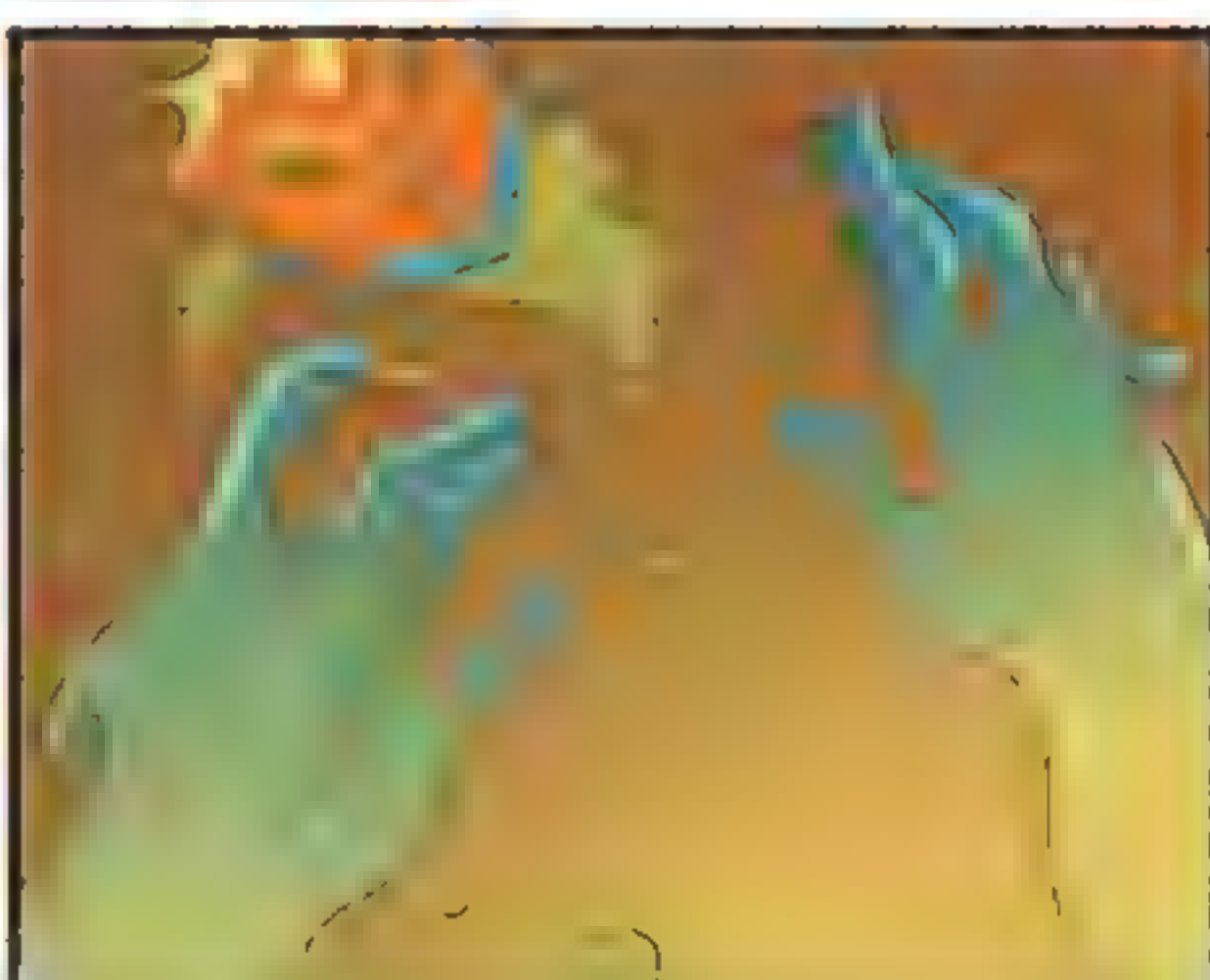
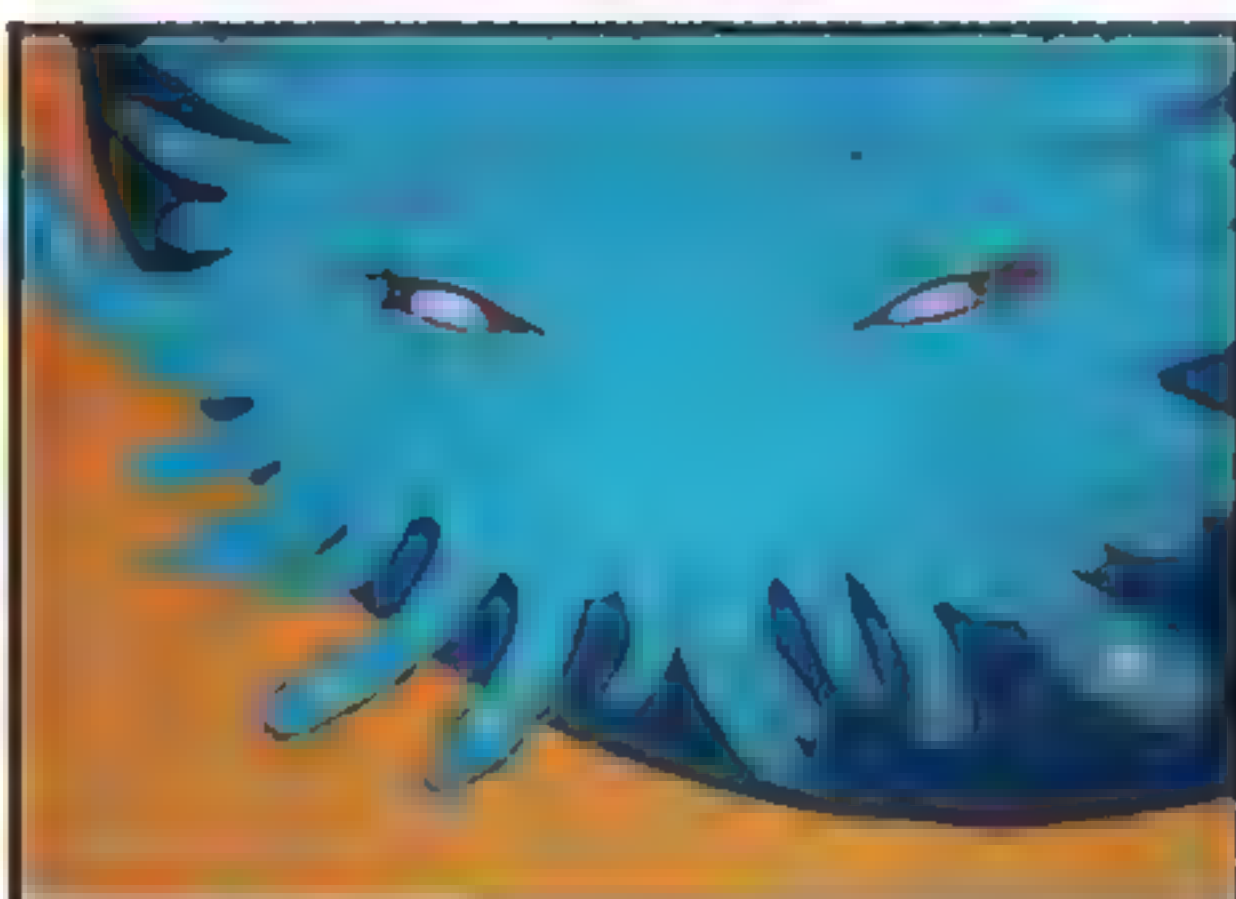
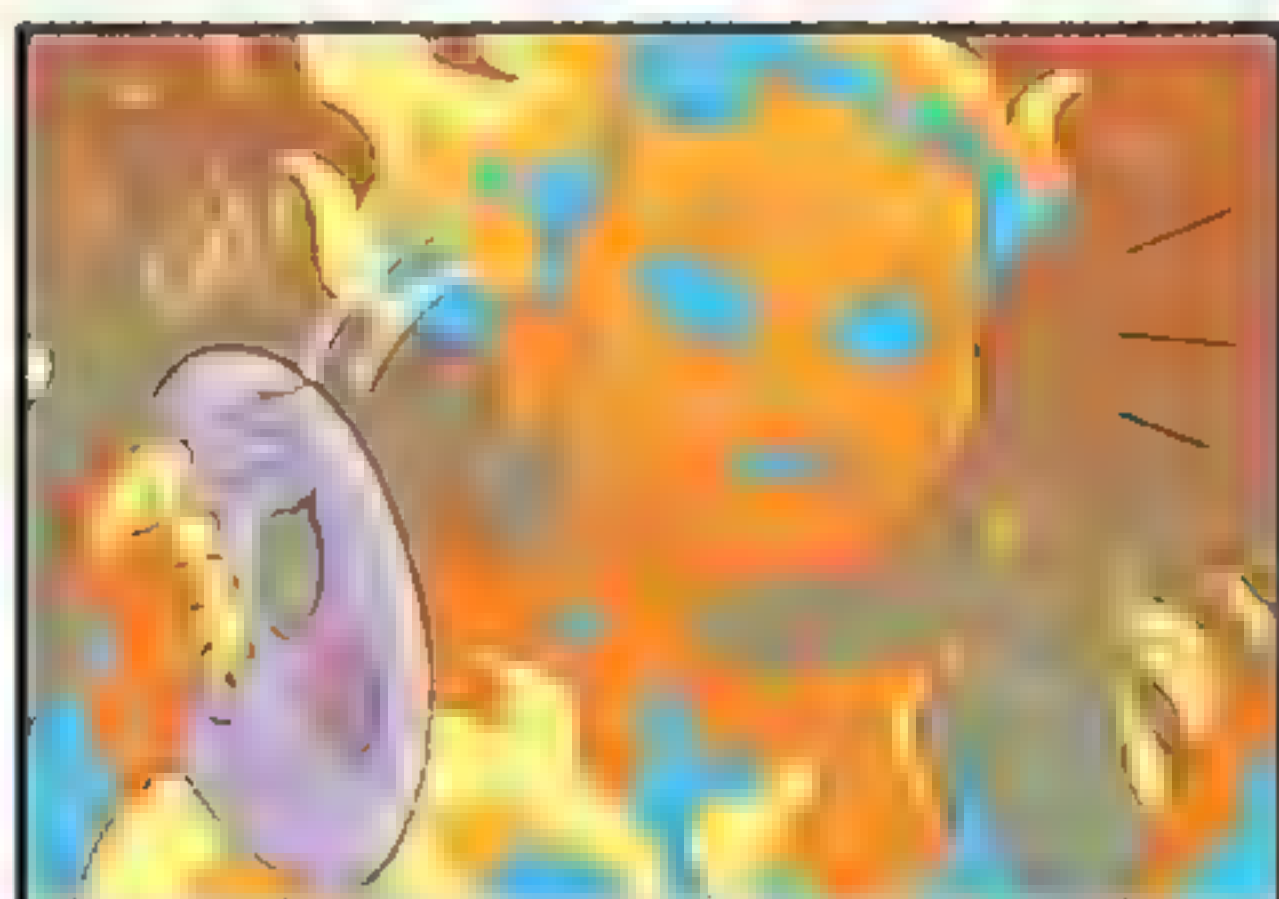
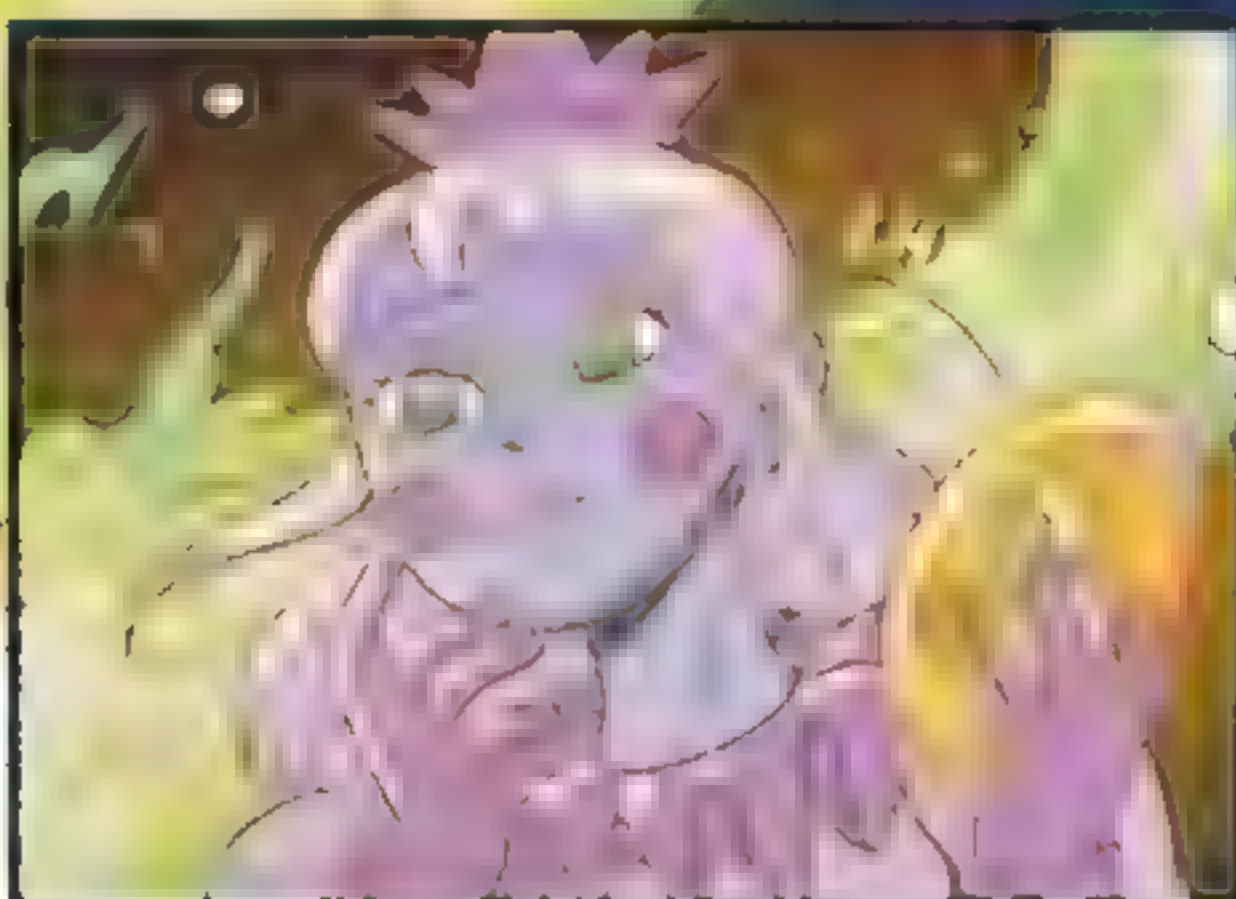


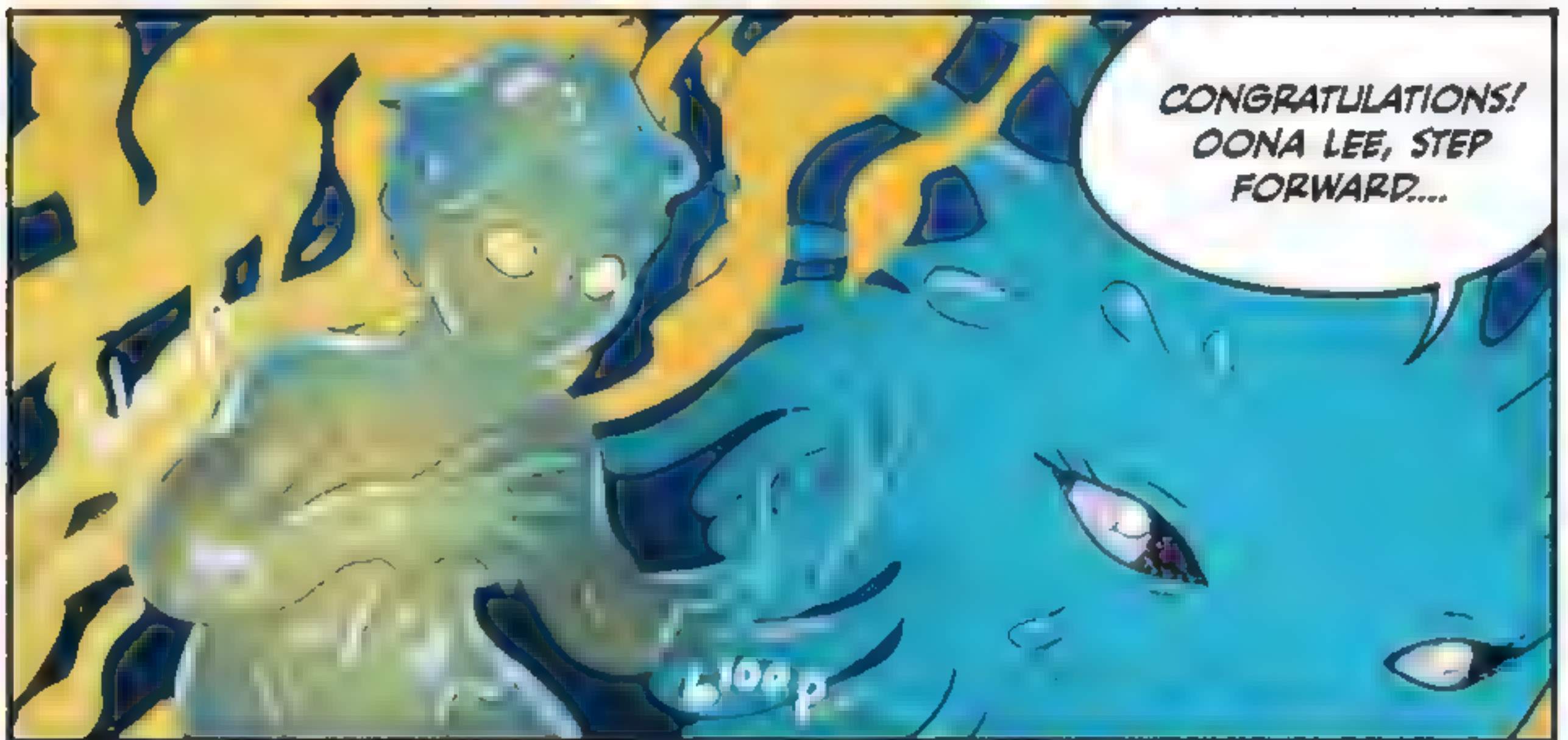
BEAUTIFUL...
GREATEST
SAND
DANCER...

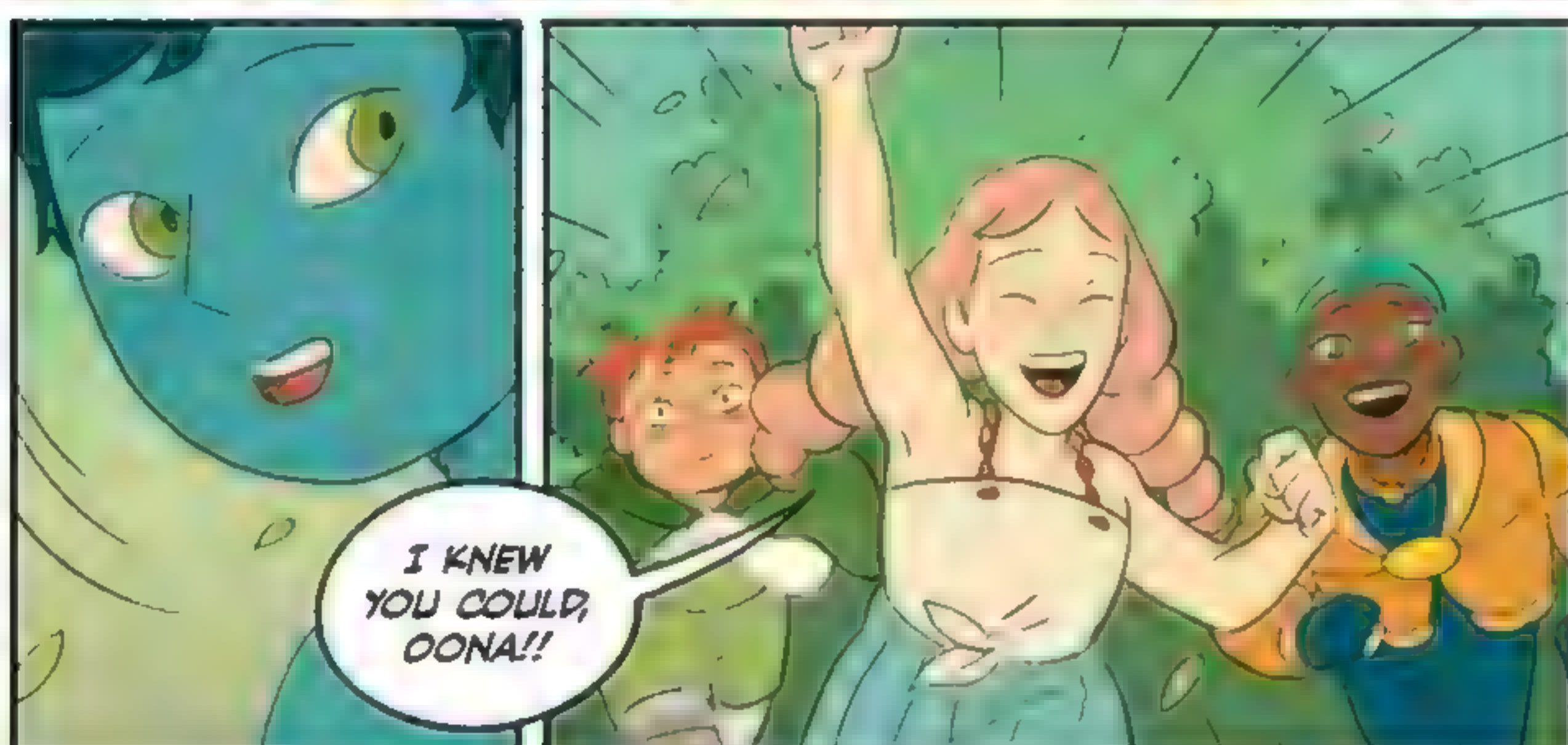
QUEEN OF
THE SANDS...

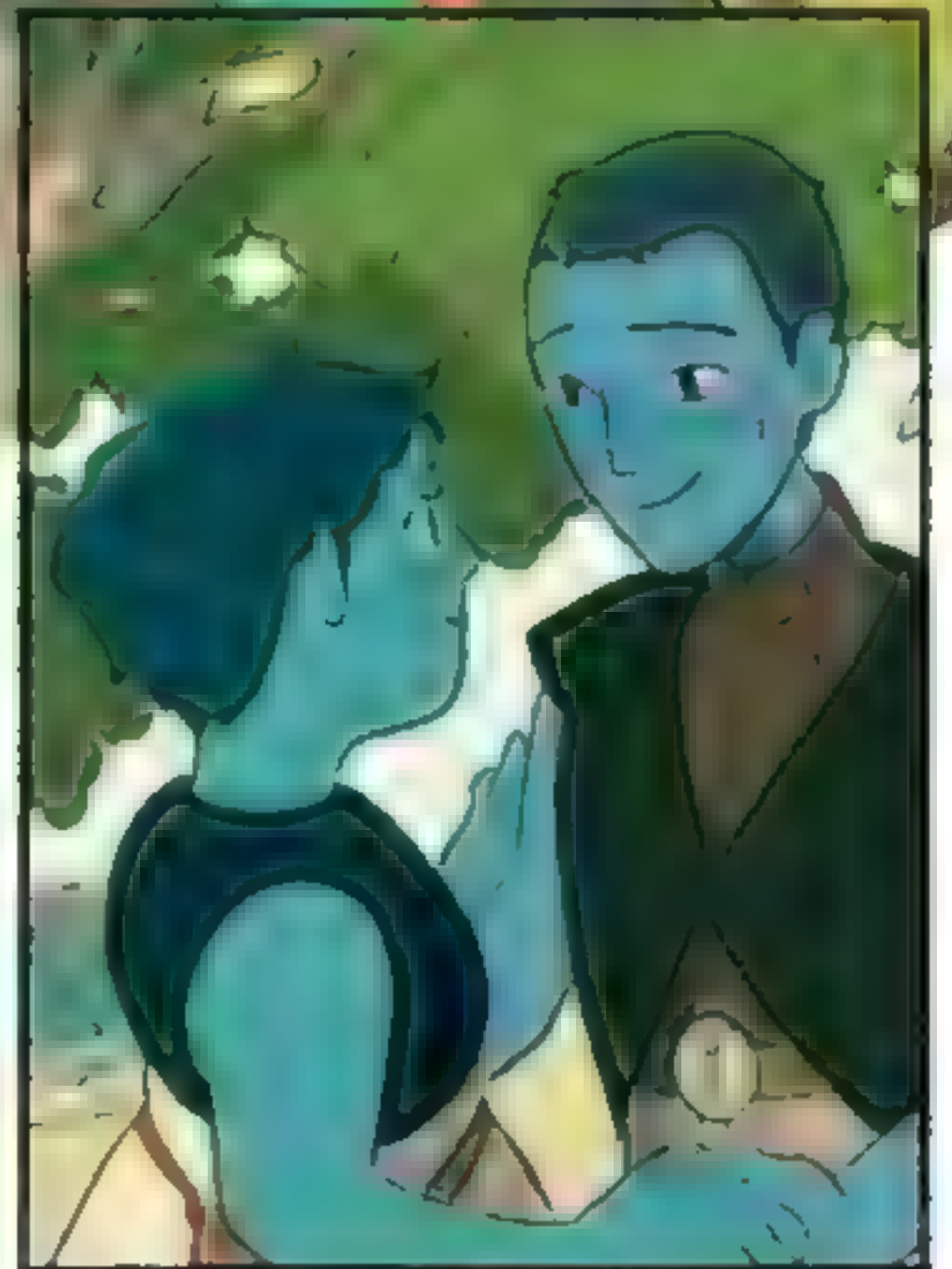
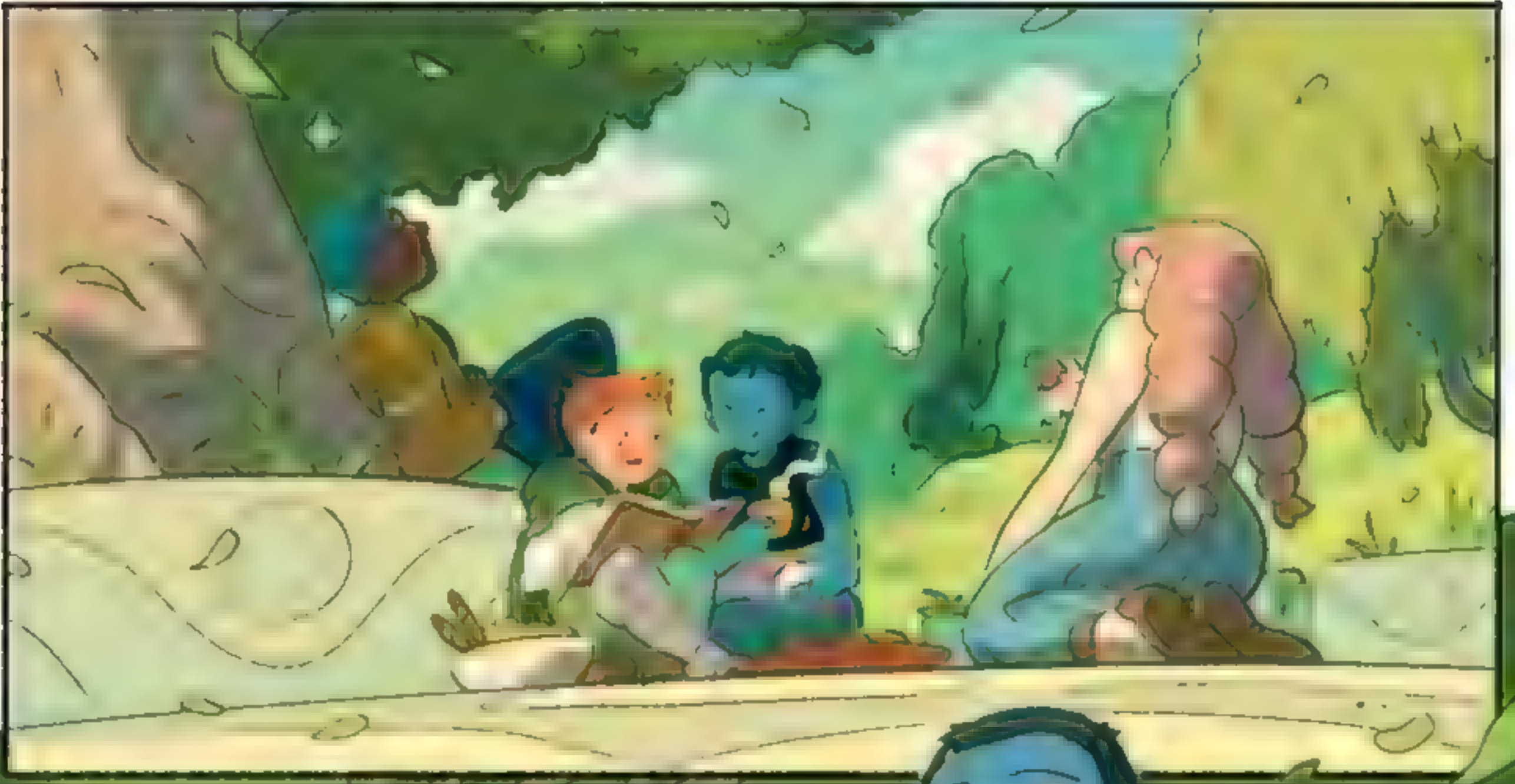















WAIT...SO...THE
LAST BEACON...
DID I LIGHT THE
LAST BEACON?

THAT'S
RIGHT.

THERE WILL
BE TIME FOR
SUCH THINGS
TOMORROW!
NO RUSH!

WE'RE GOING
TO HAVE SO
MUCH TIME
TOGETHER
NOW.

JESSA!



THIS IS A
DREAM.

IT'S A
LIE.

I HAVE
TO GO.

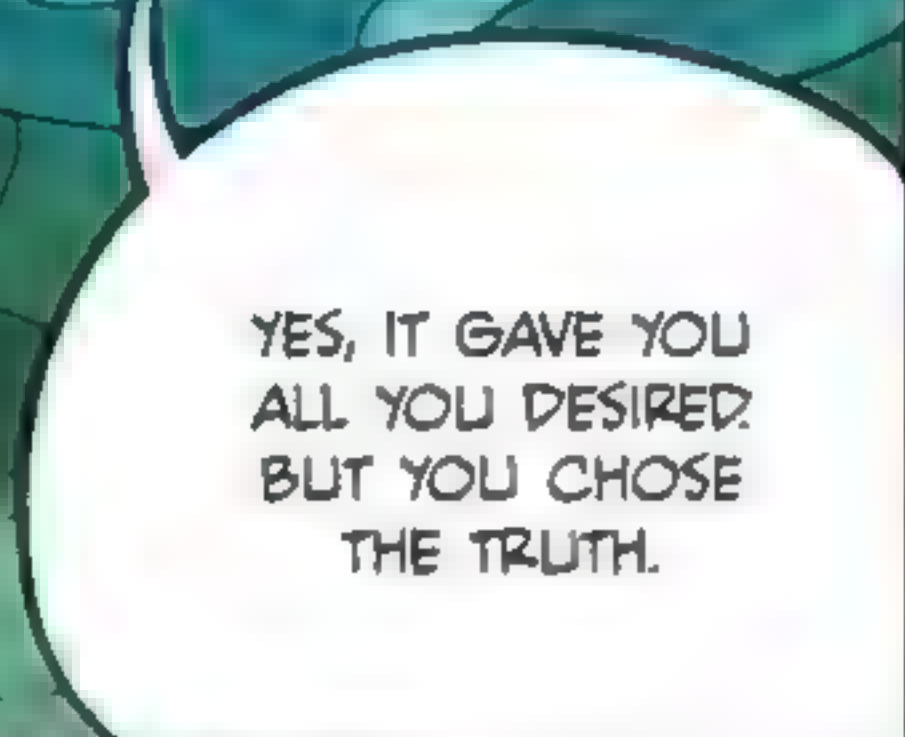
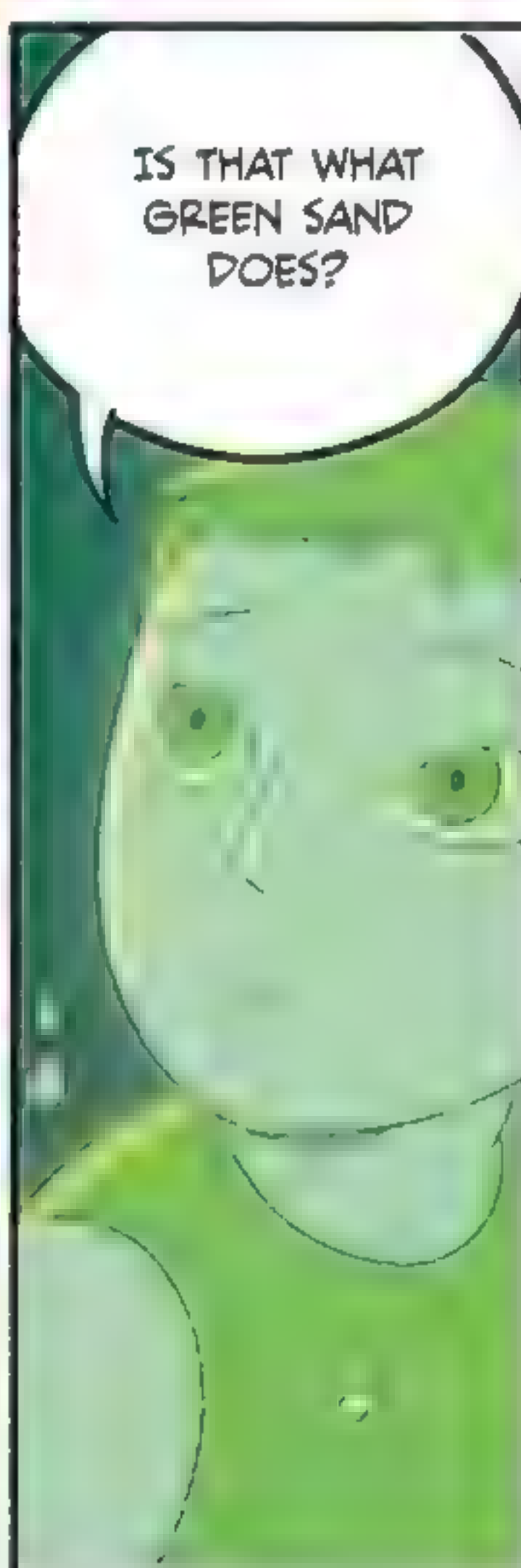
I AM GOING
TO LET YOU
GO.




YOU PASSED
THROUGH THE
FIVE SHIELDS.

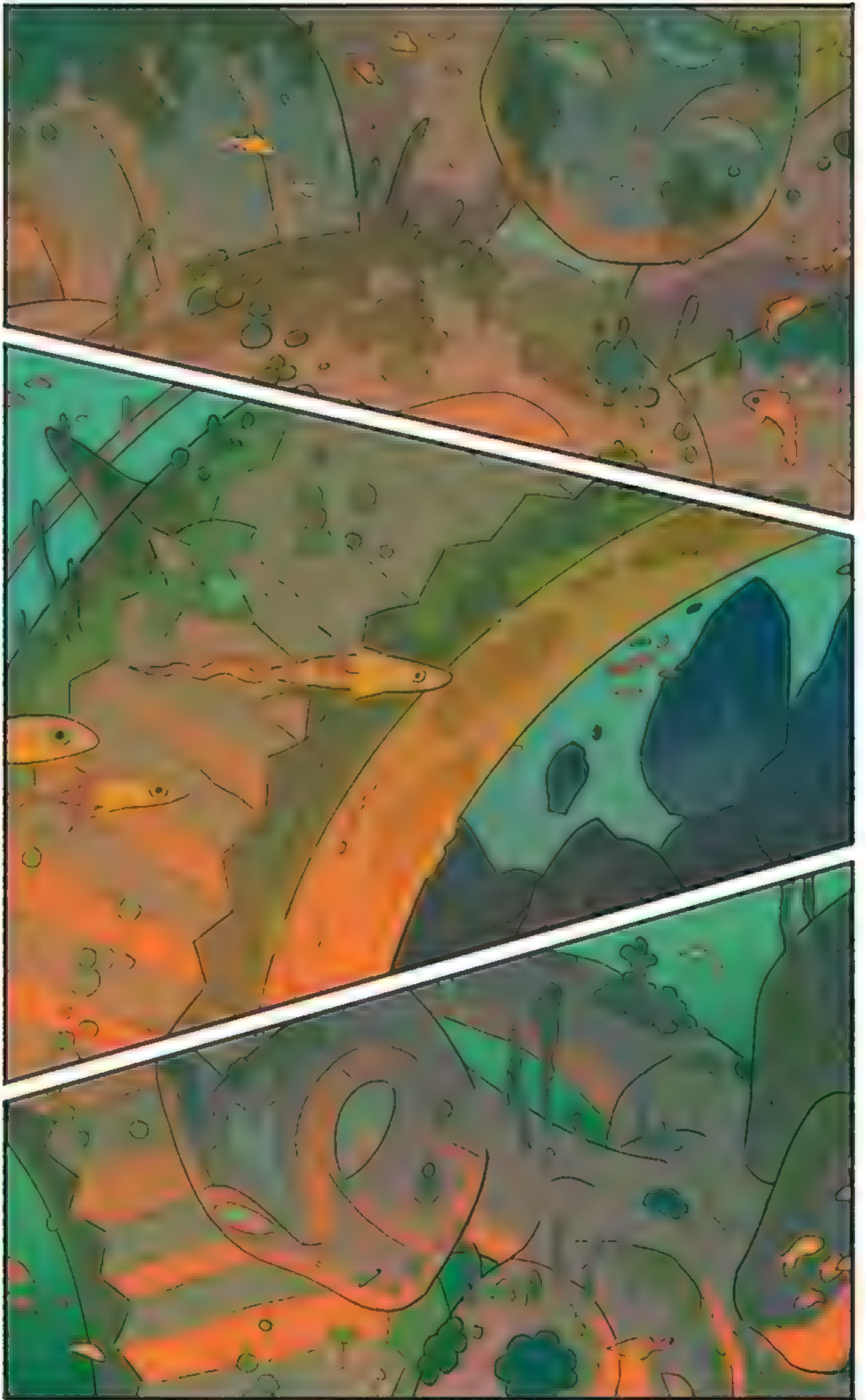
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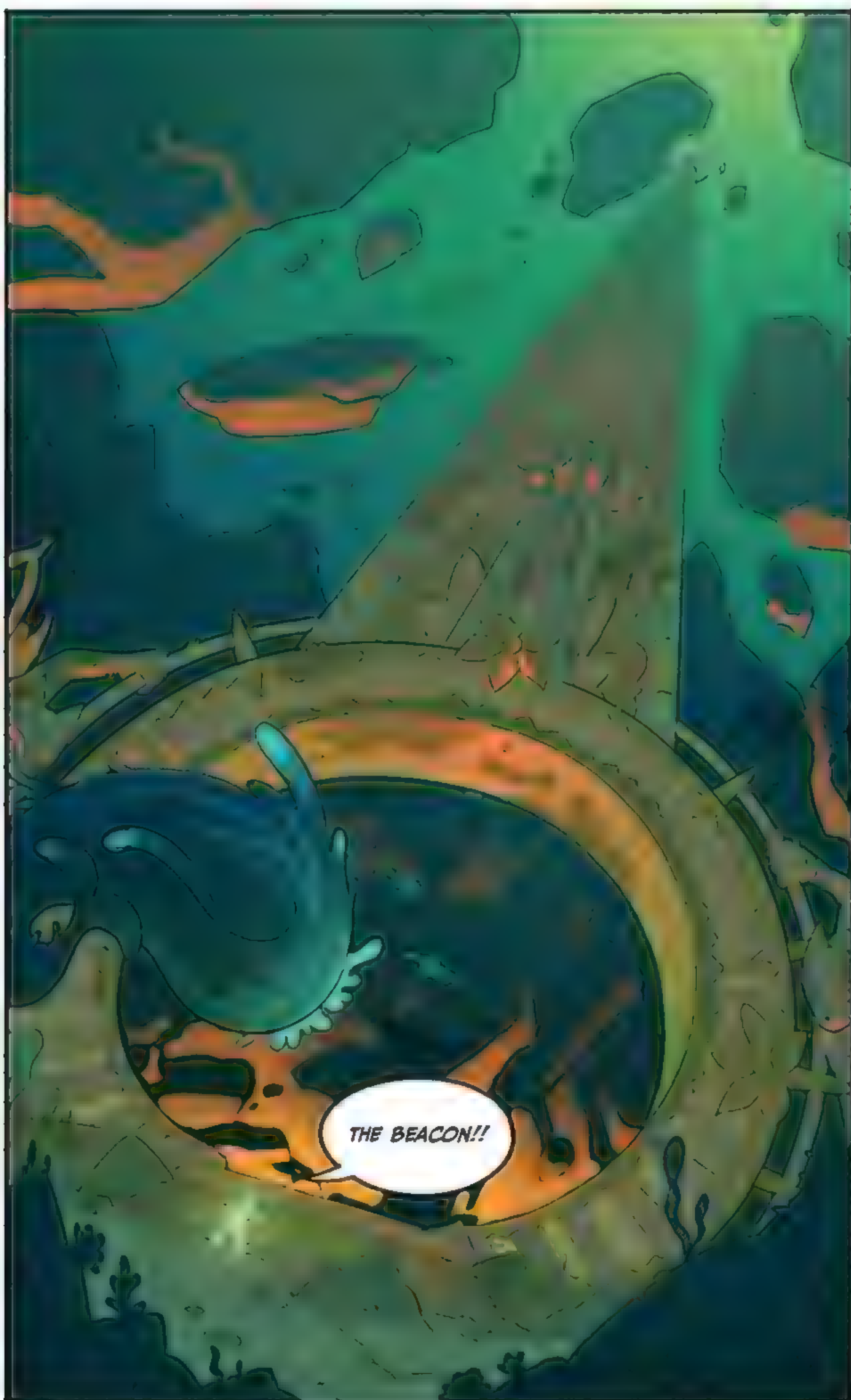






THE SAND
OF THIS WORLD
RESPONDS TO THOSE
WHO SERVE THE TRUTH.
ALL OTHERS IT WRAPS
IN COMFORTABLE
DELUSIONS.



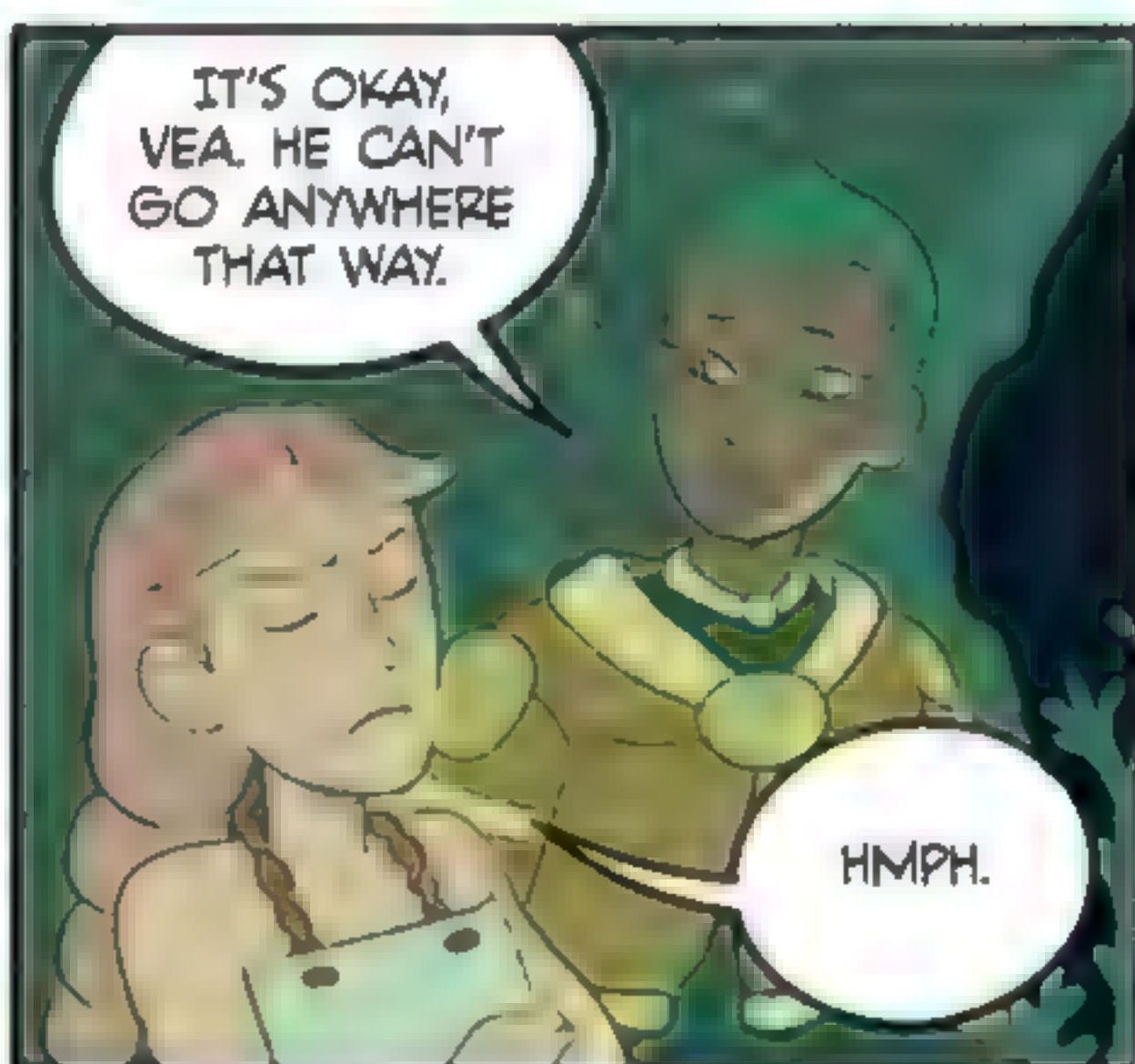
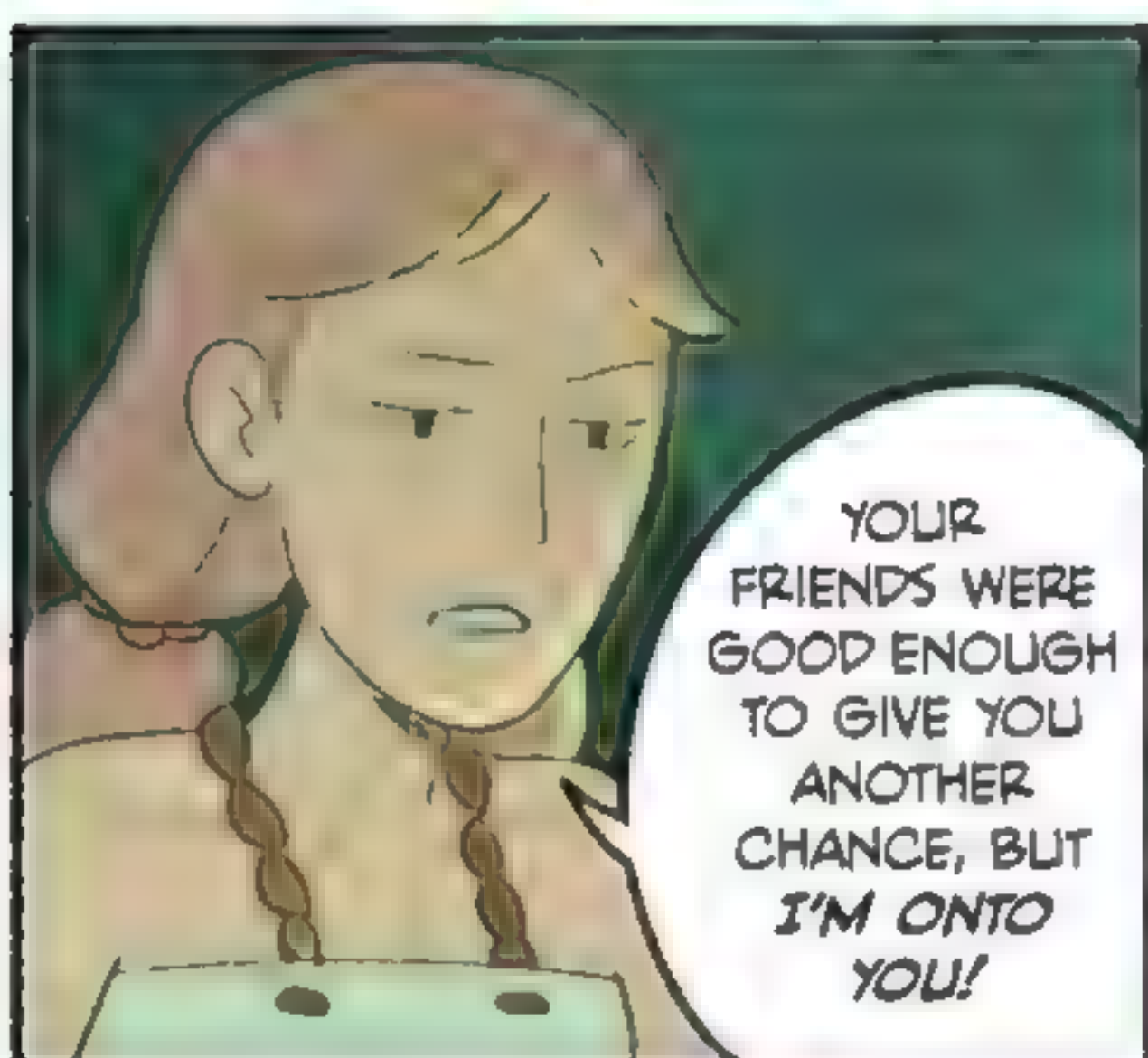
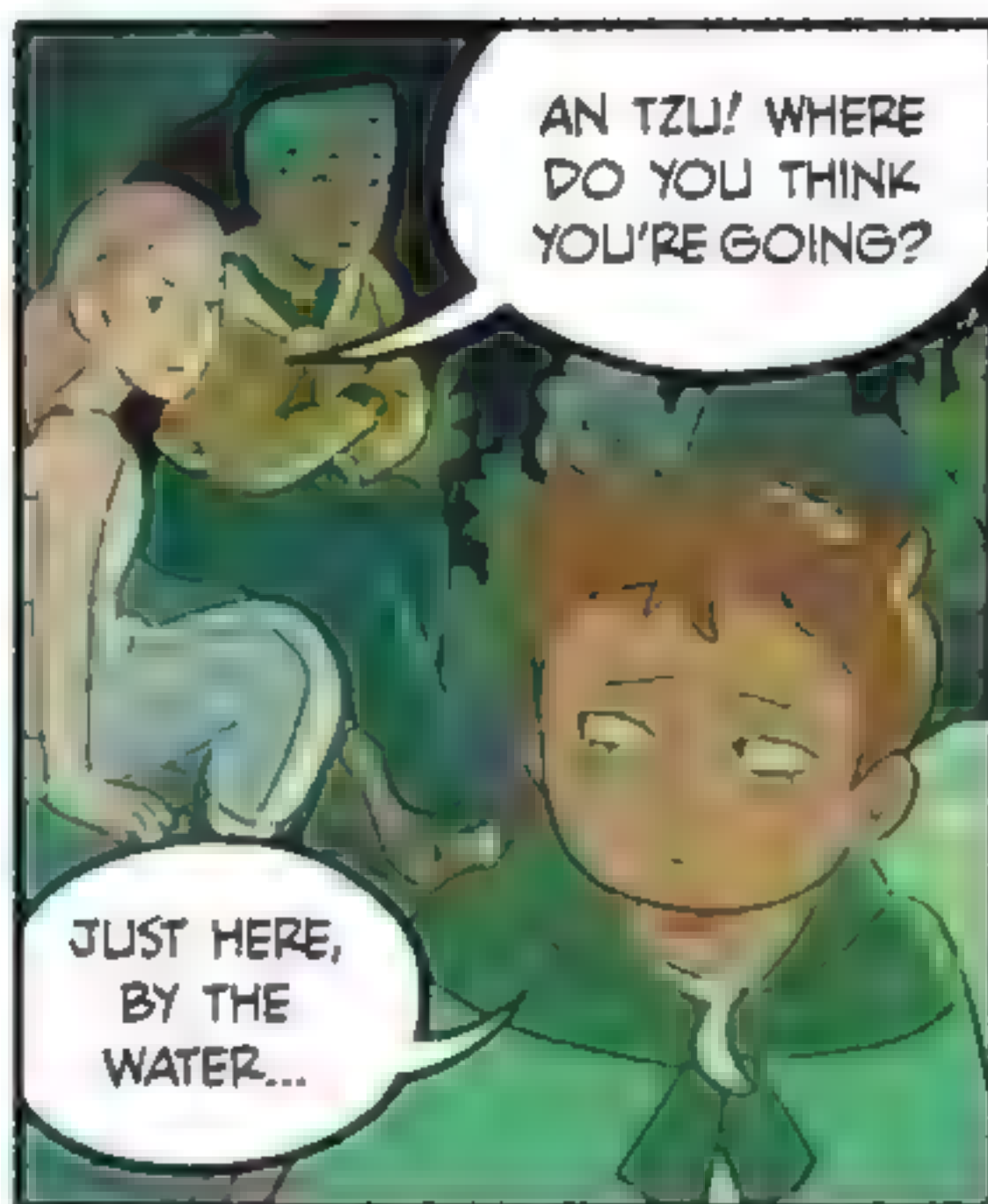
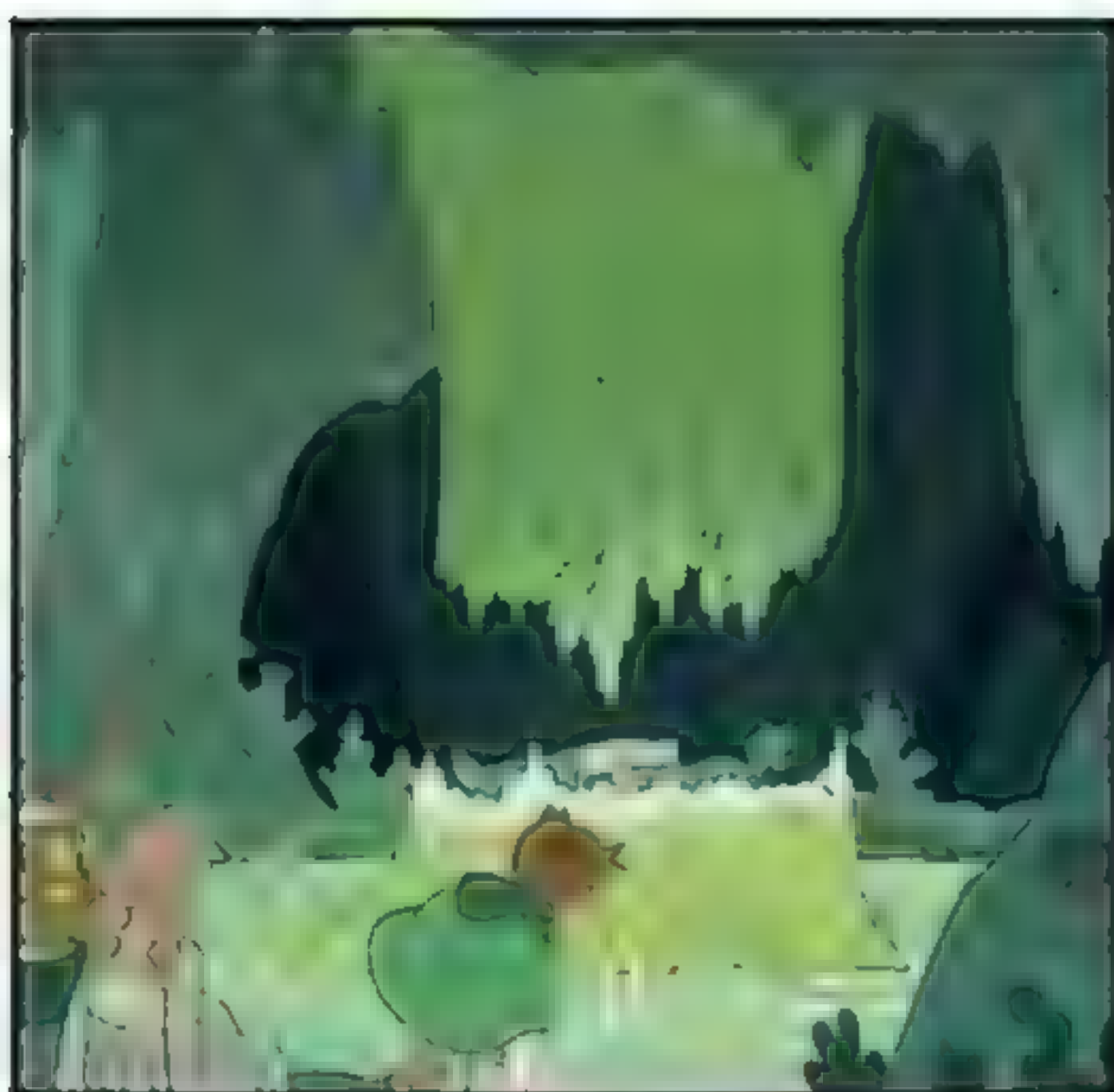


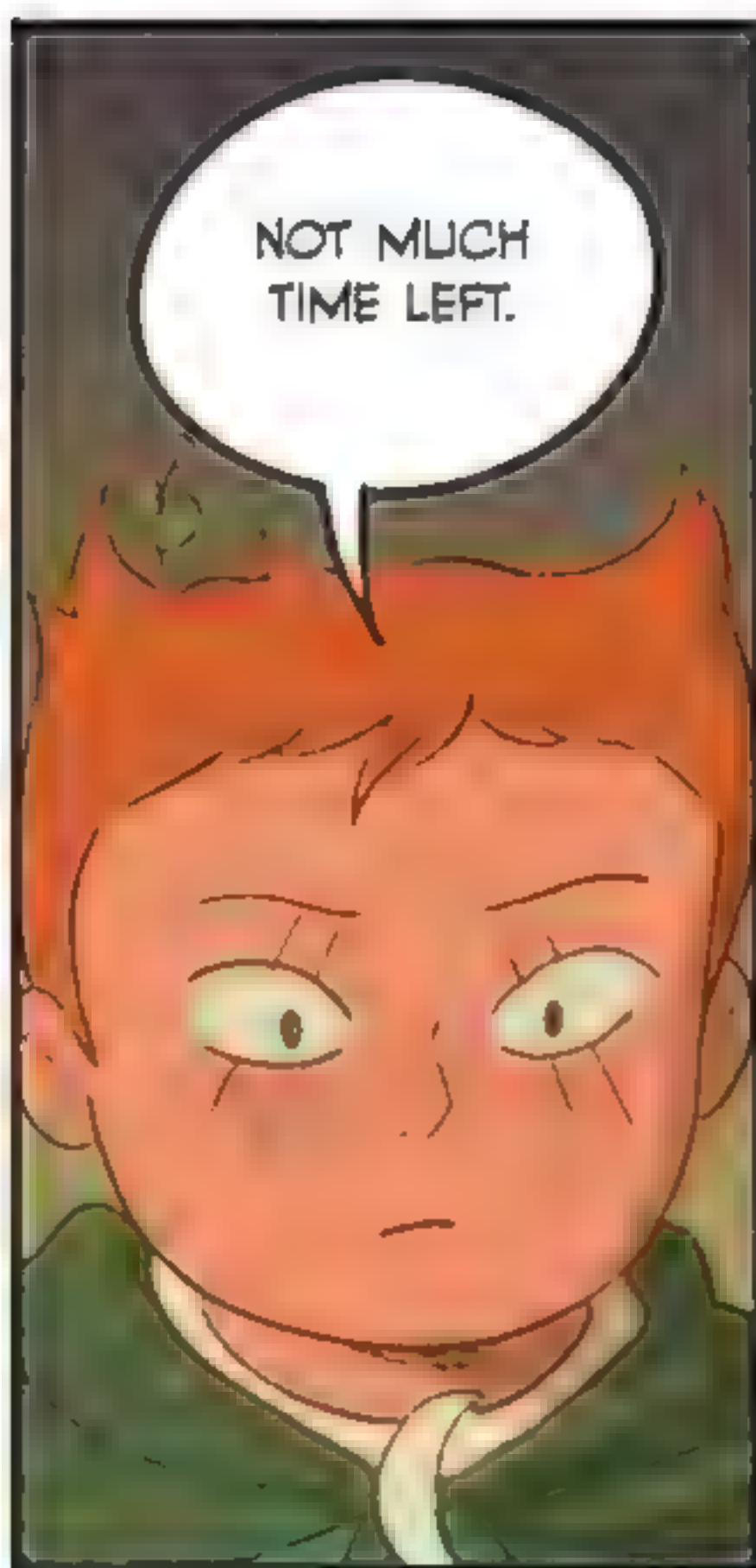
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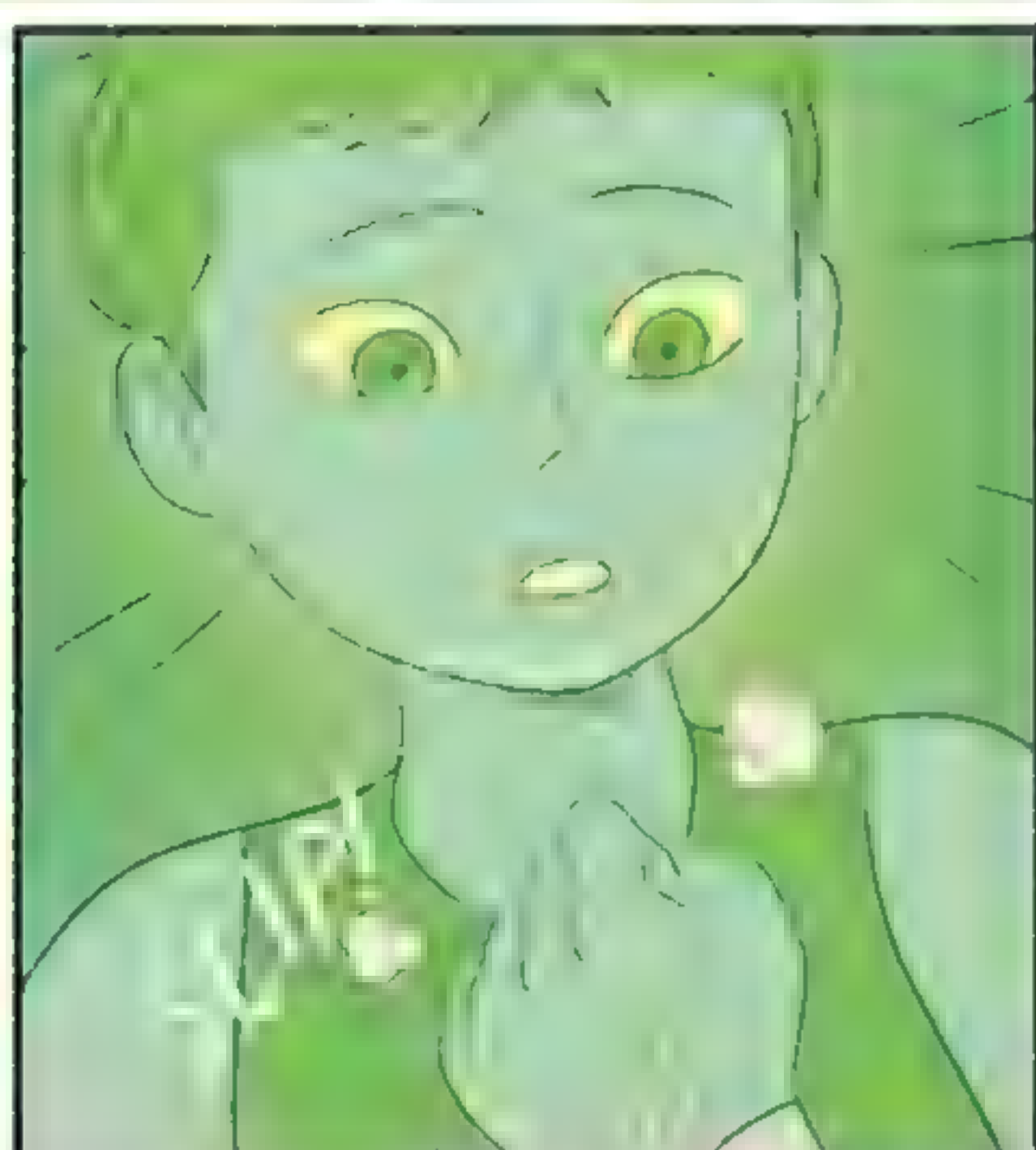
THE DAY OF THE BEACON

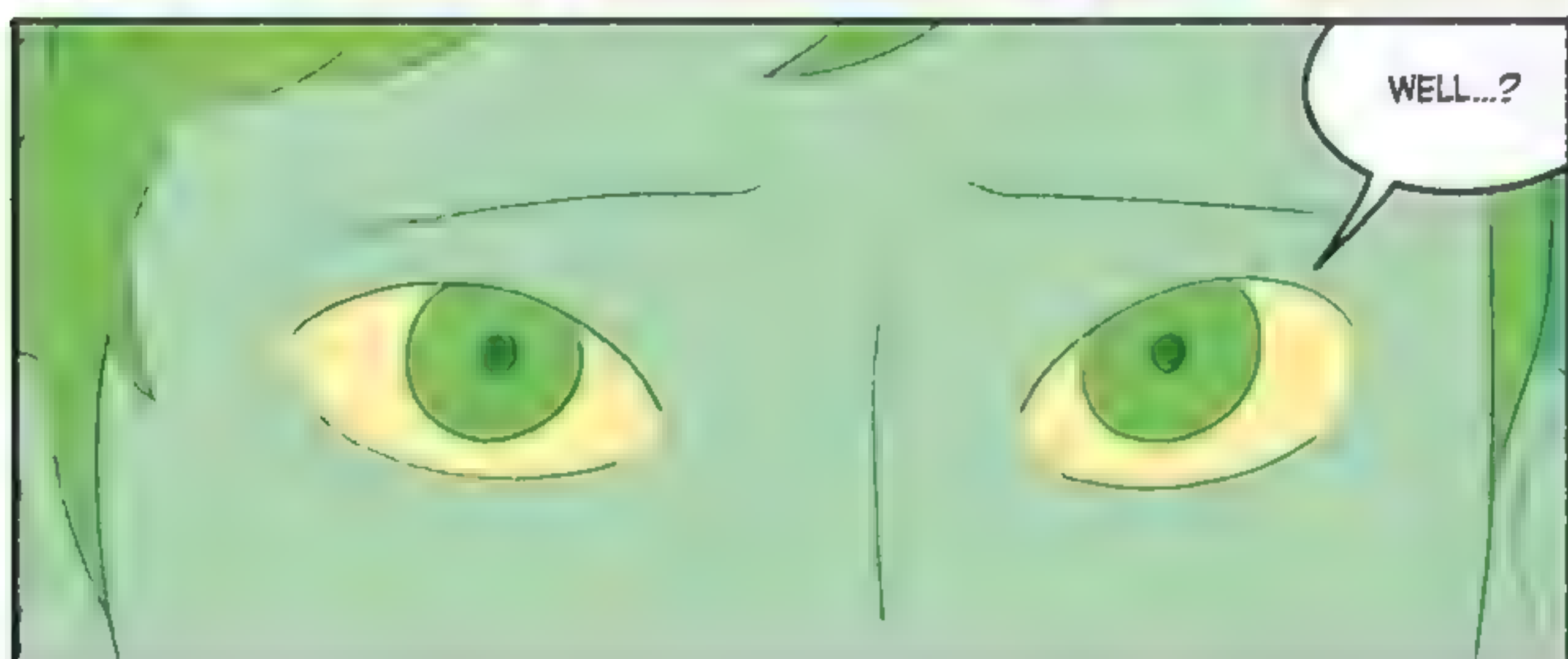
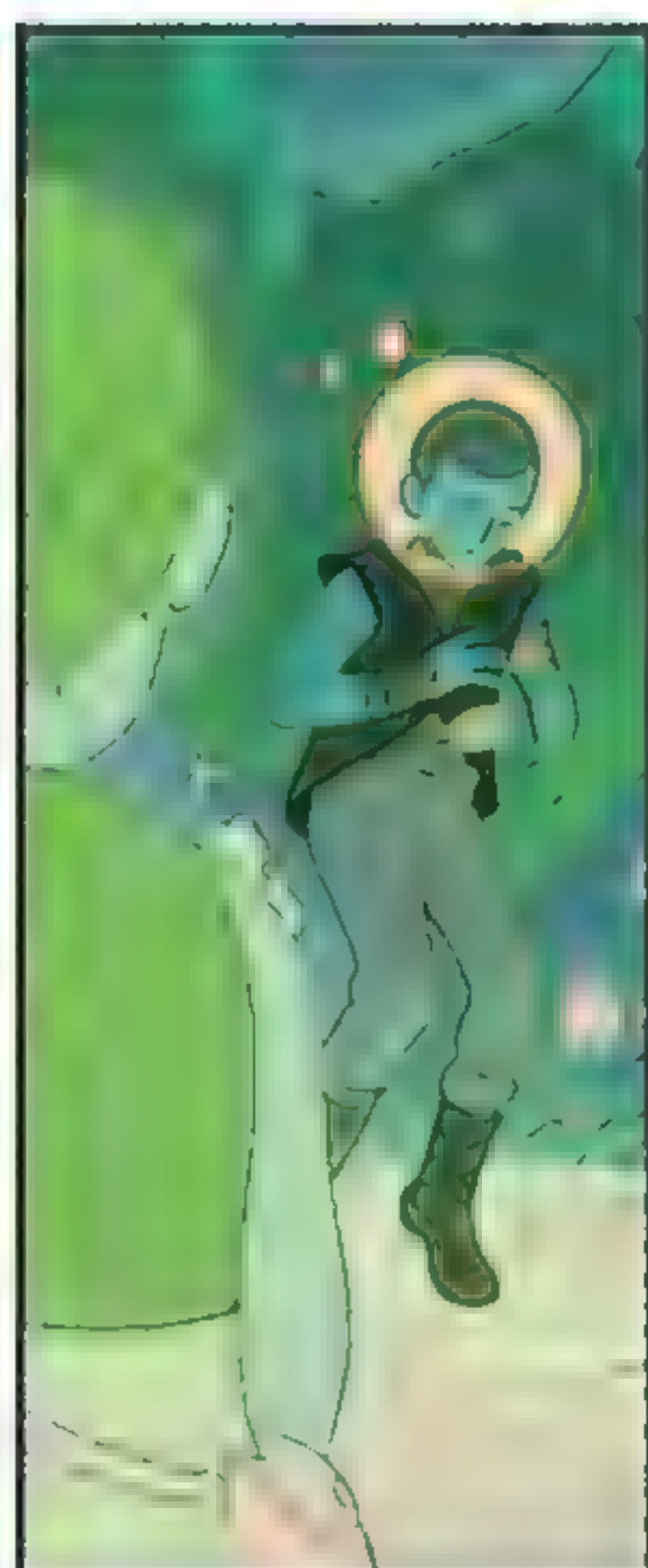
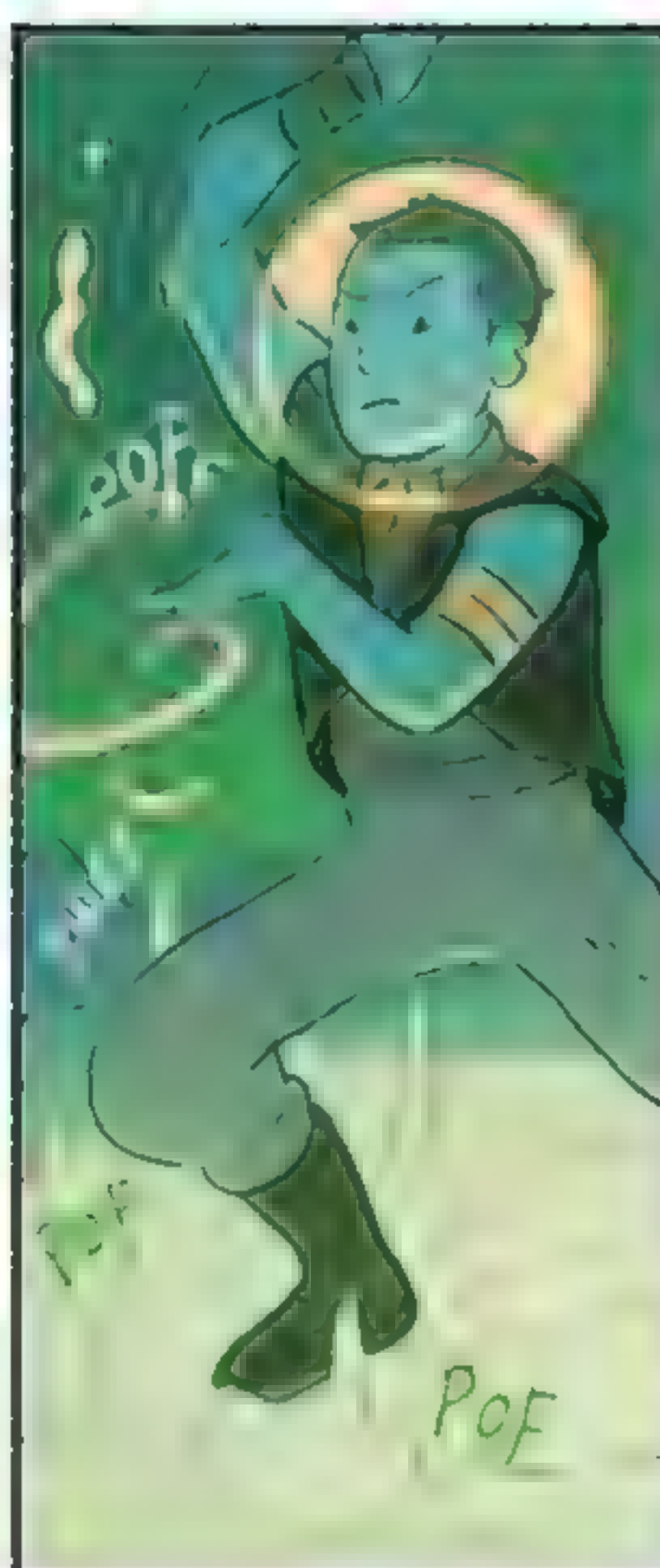
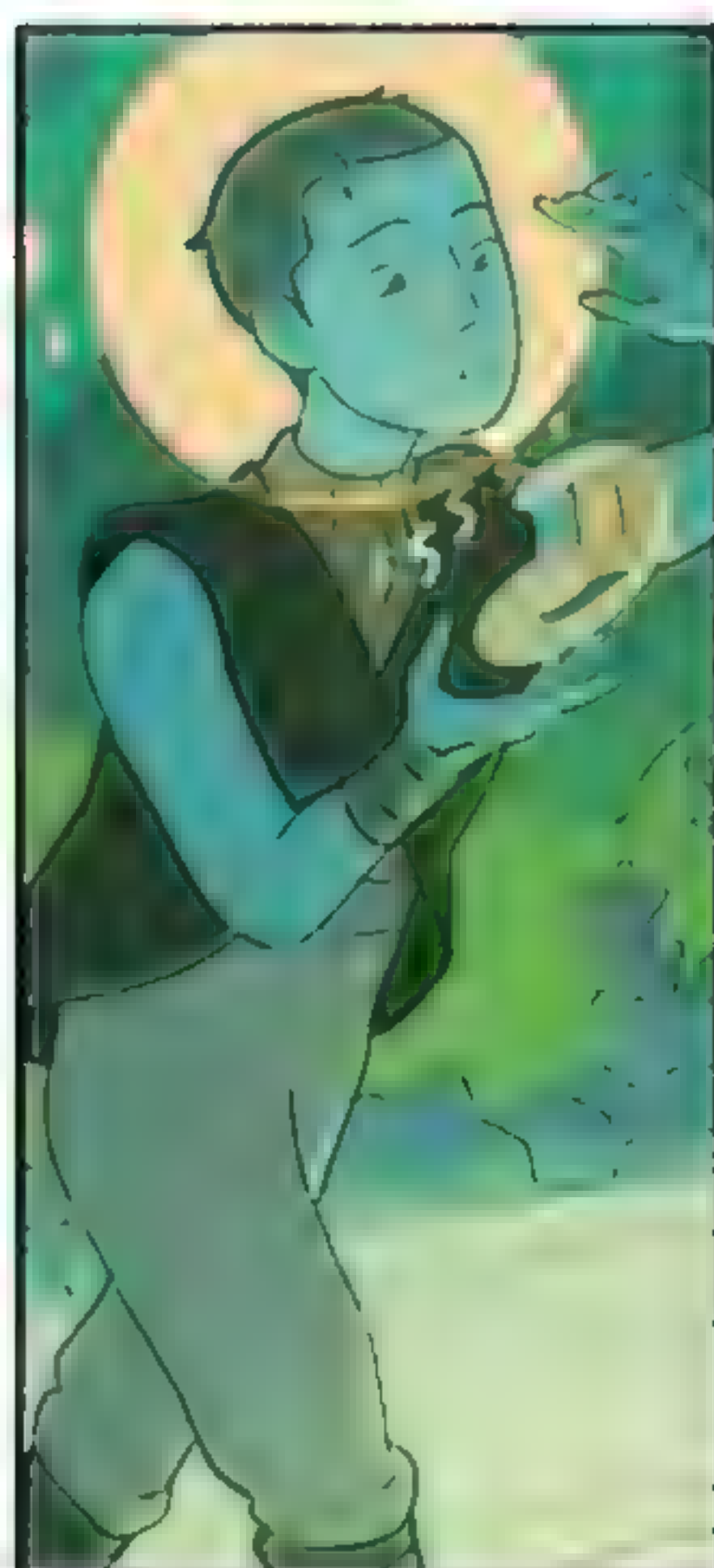
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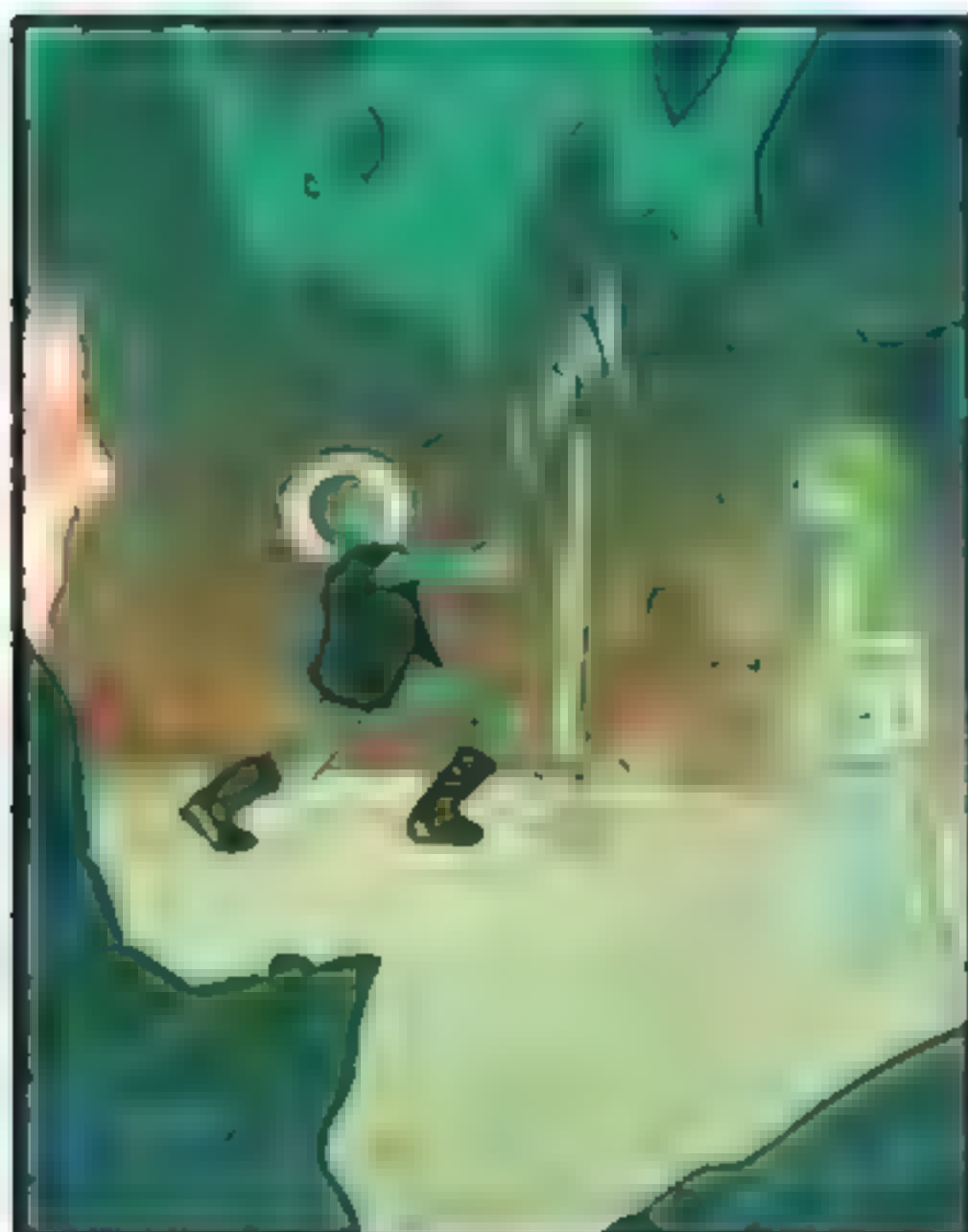
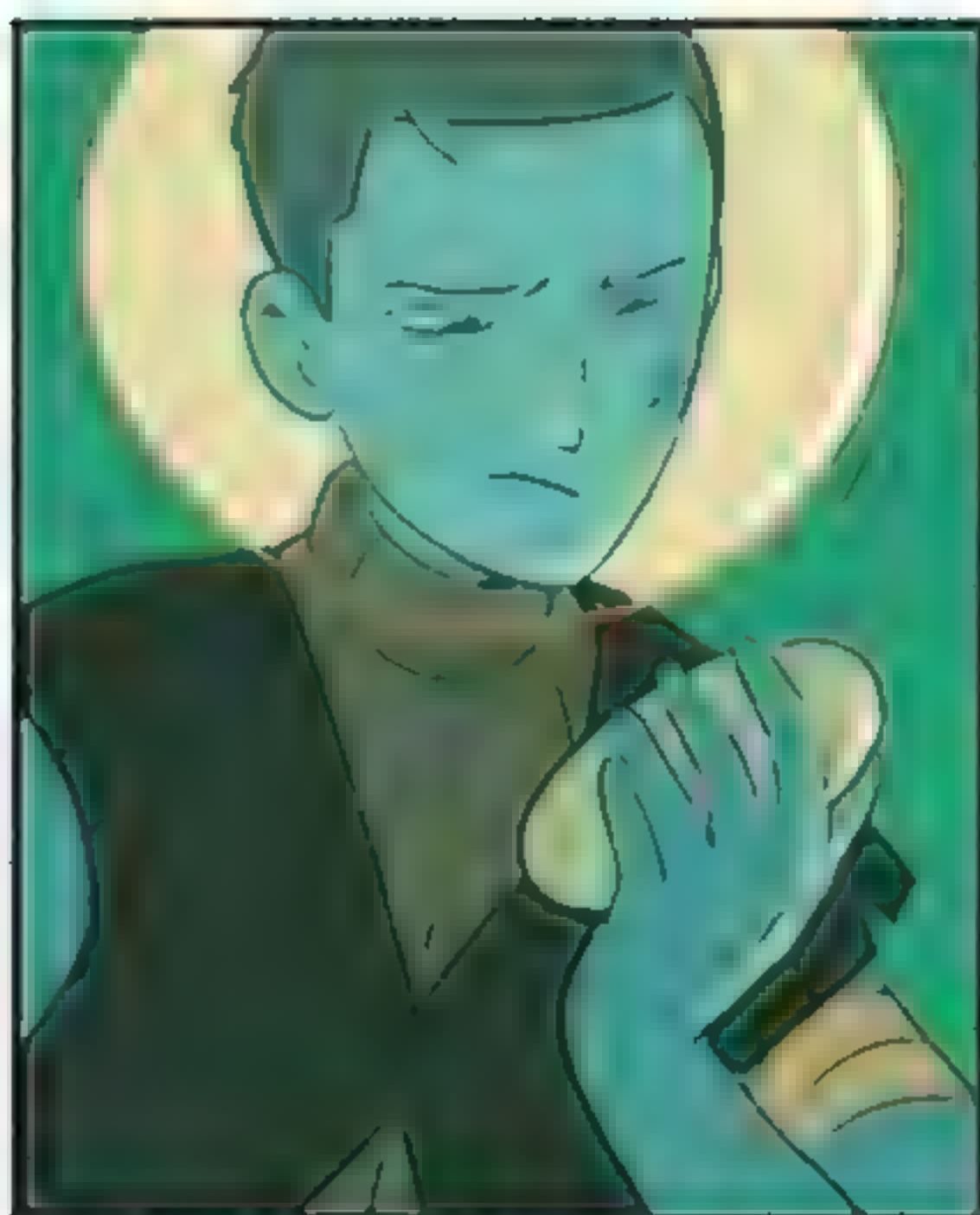


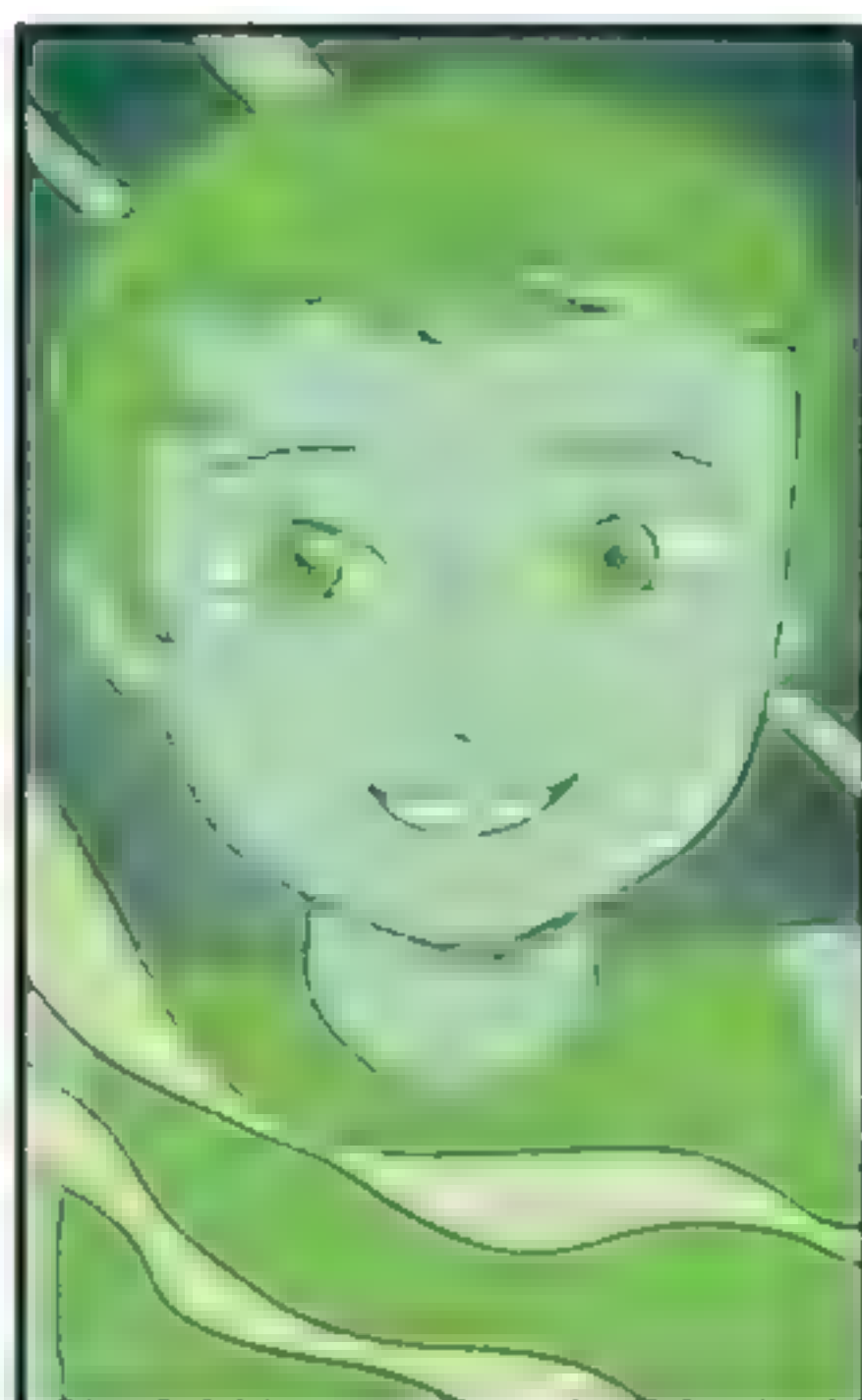
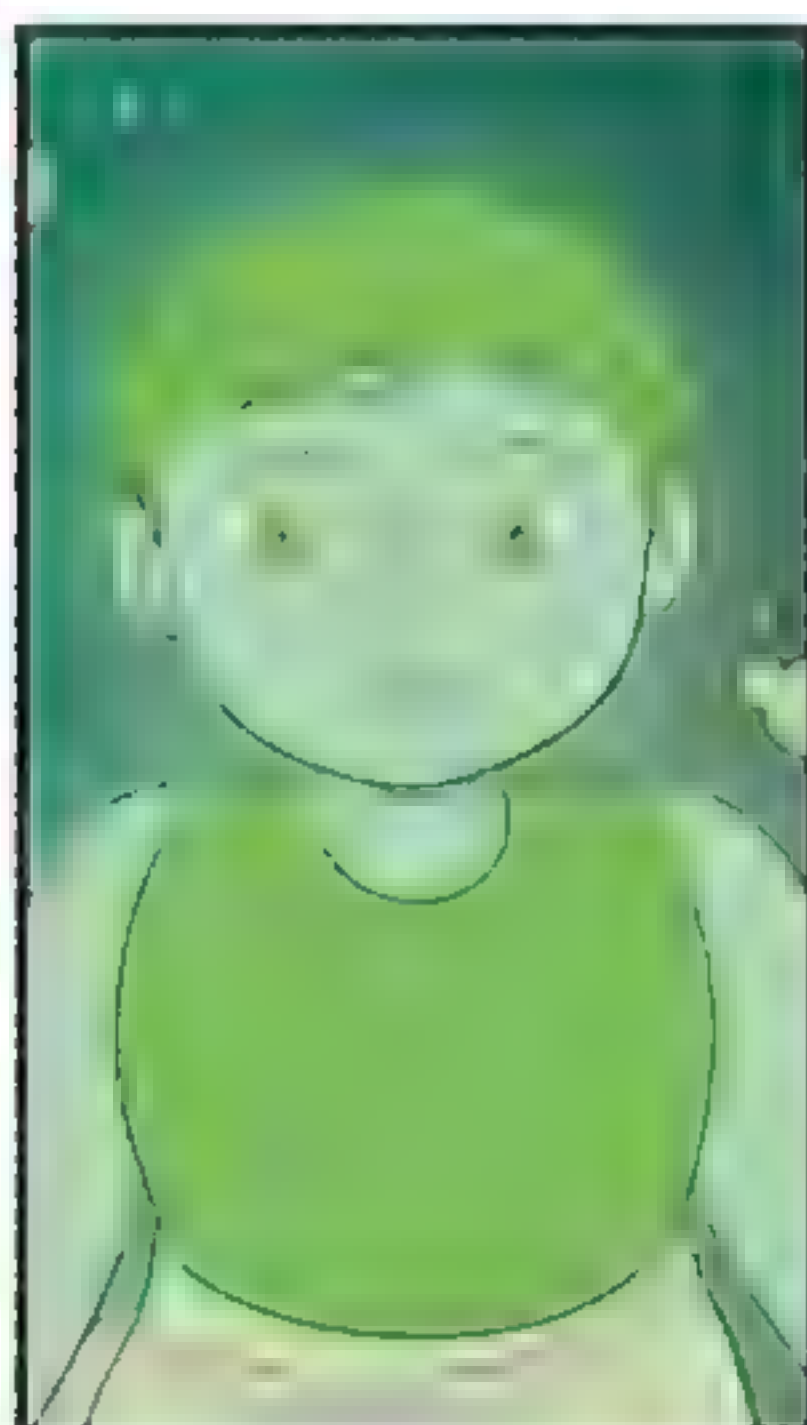
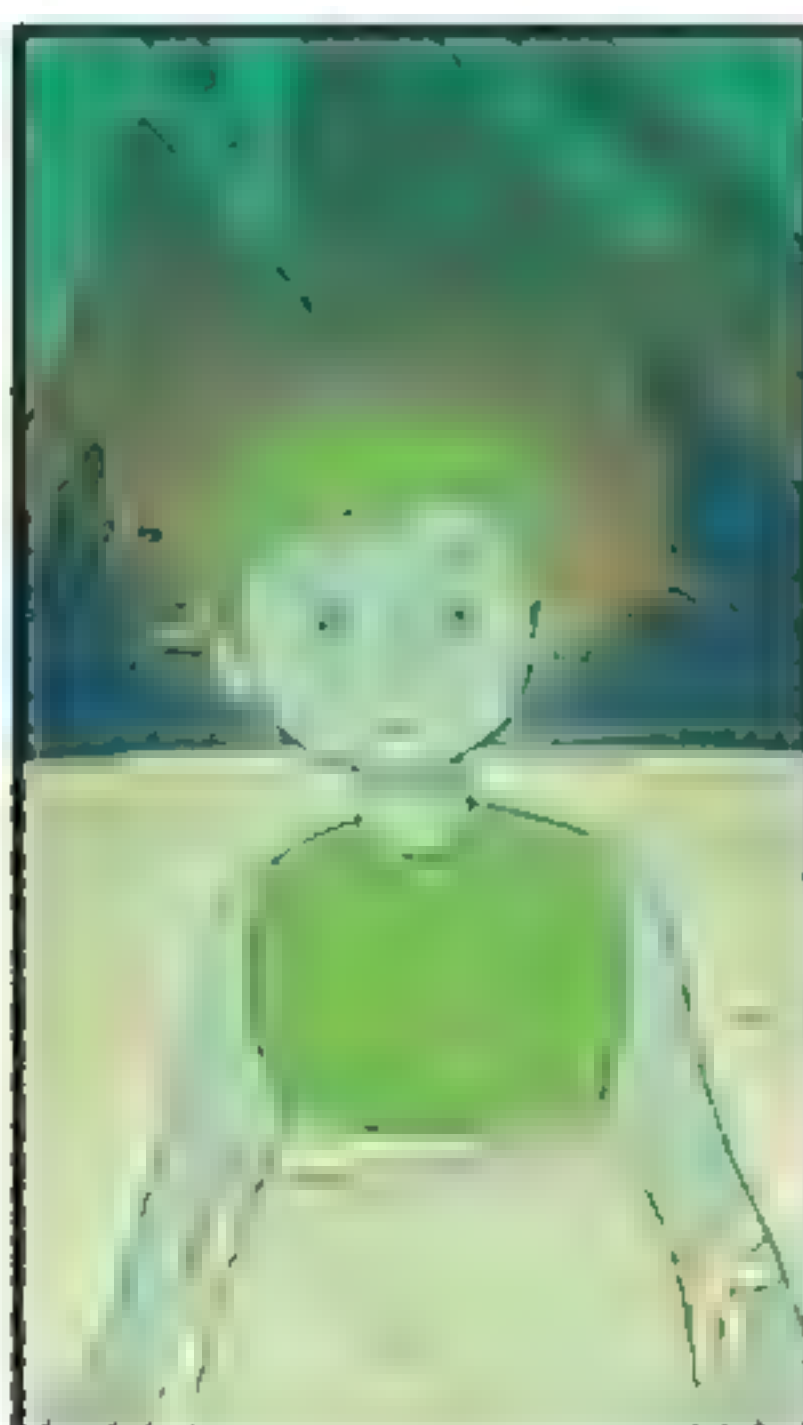
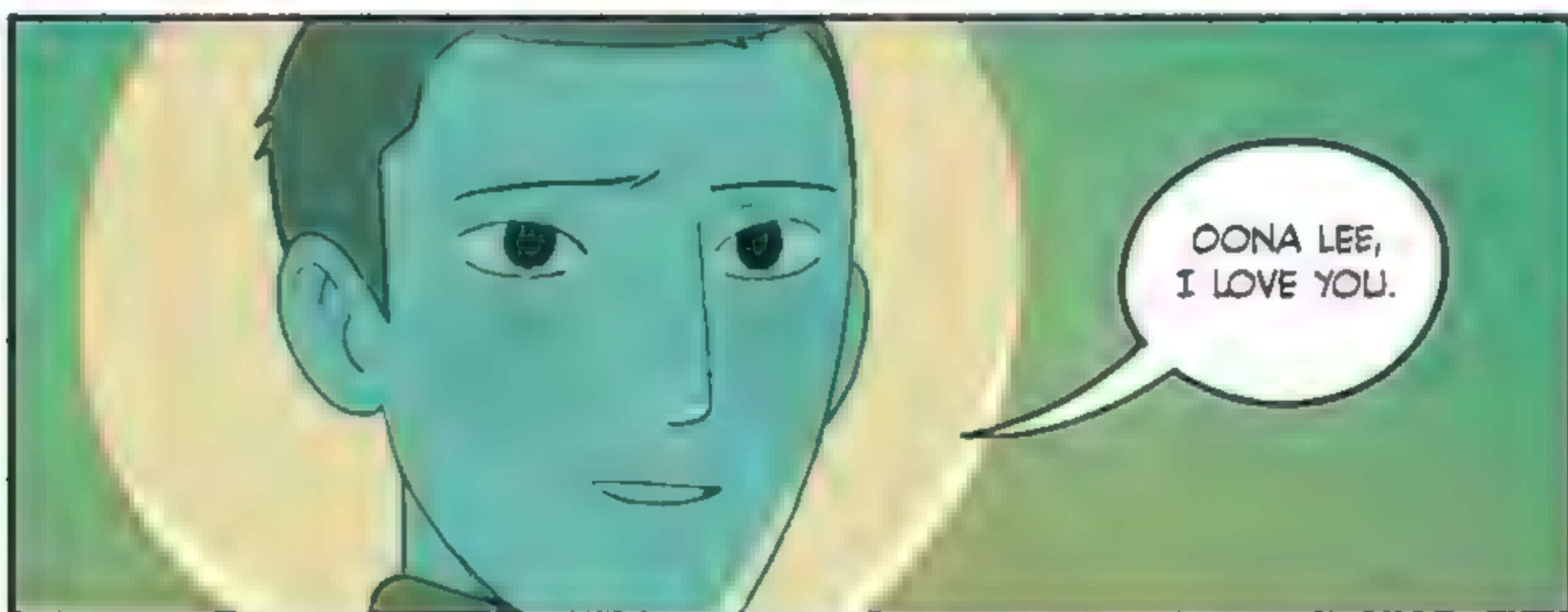


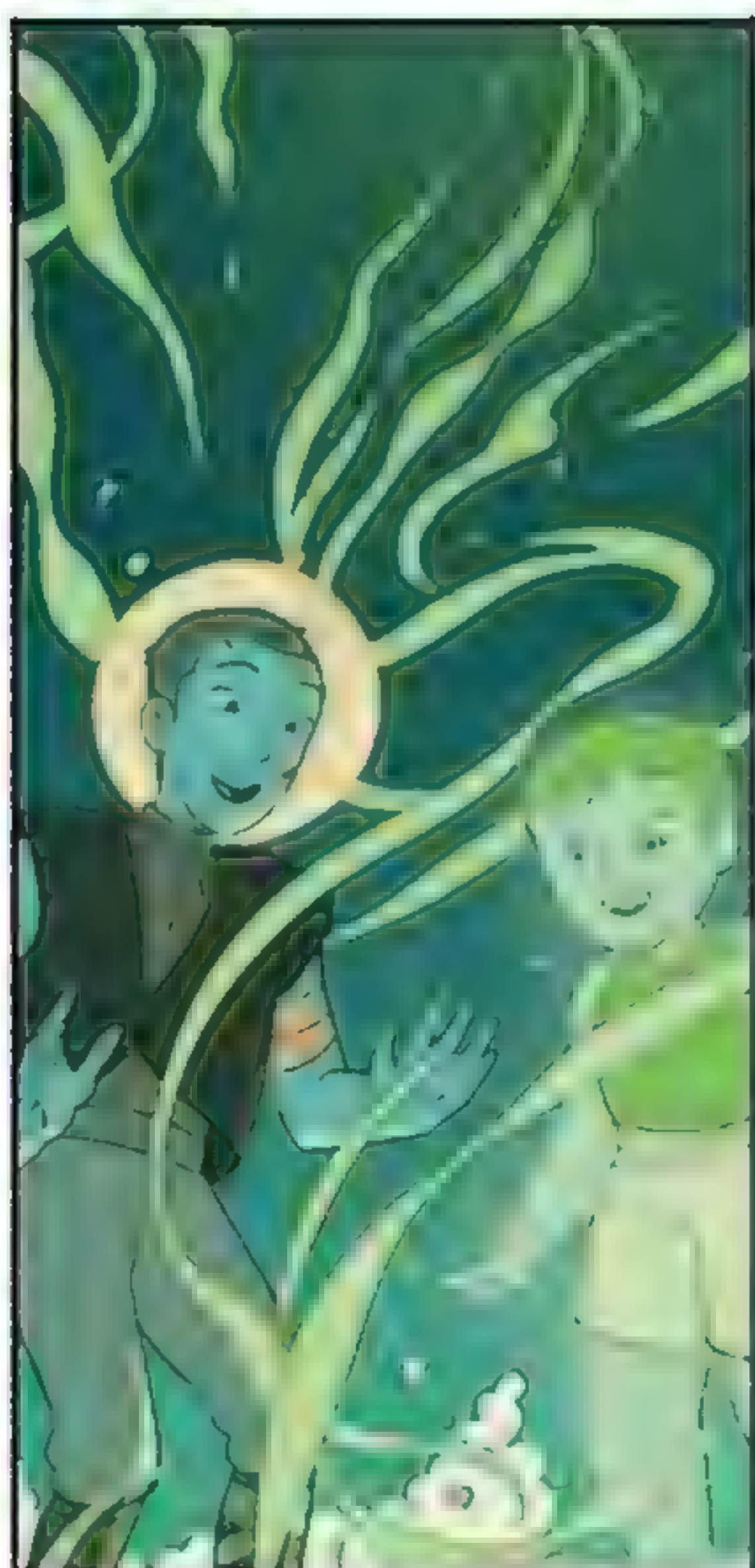
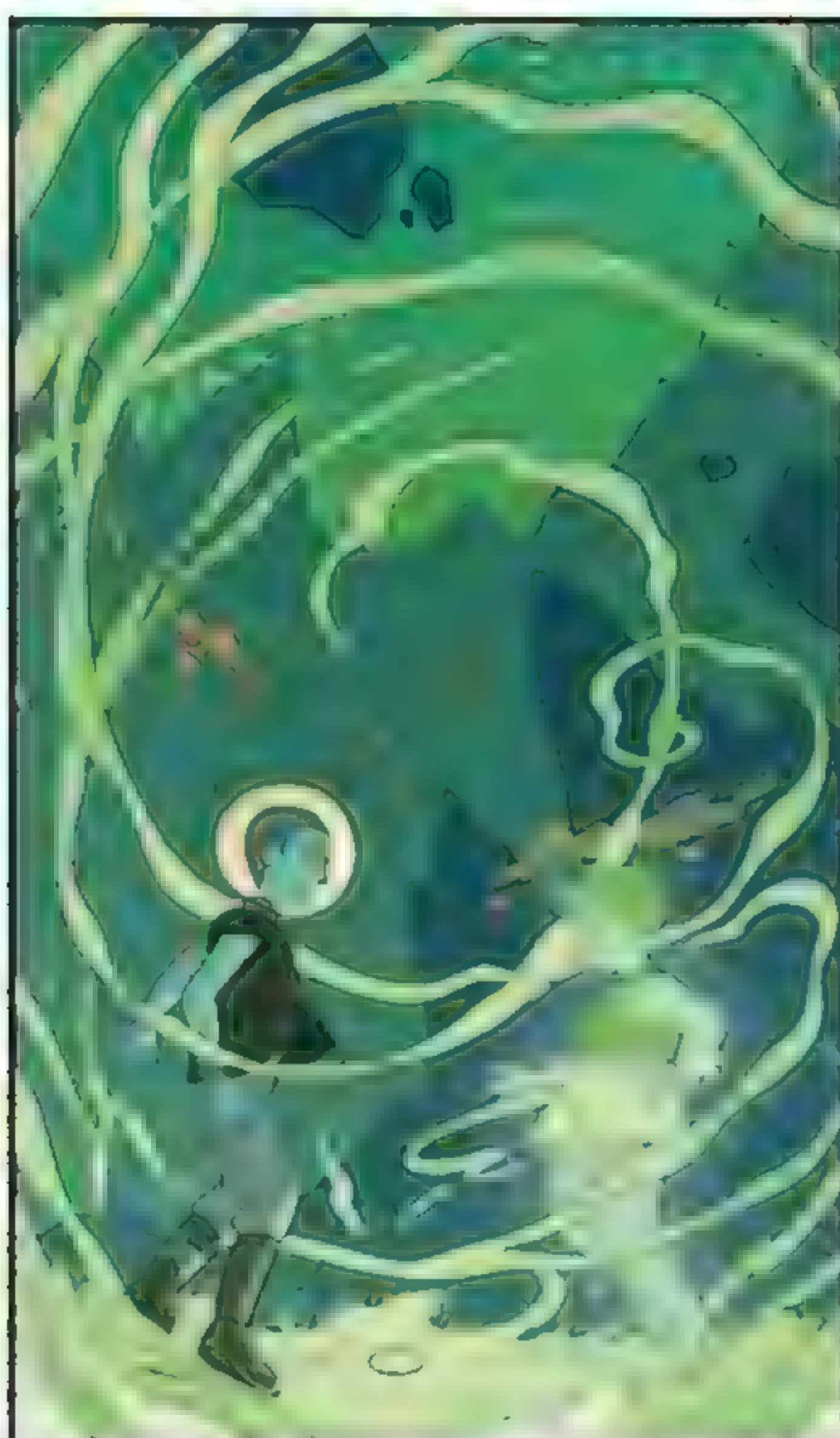


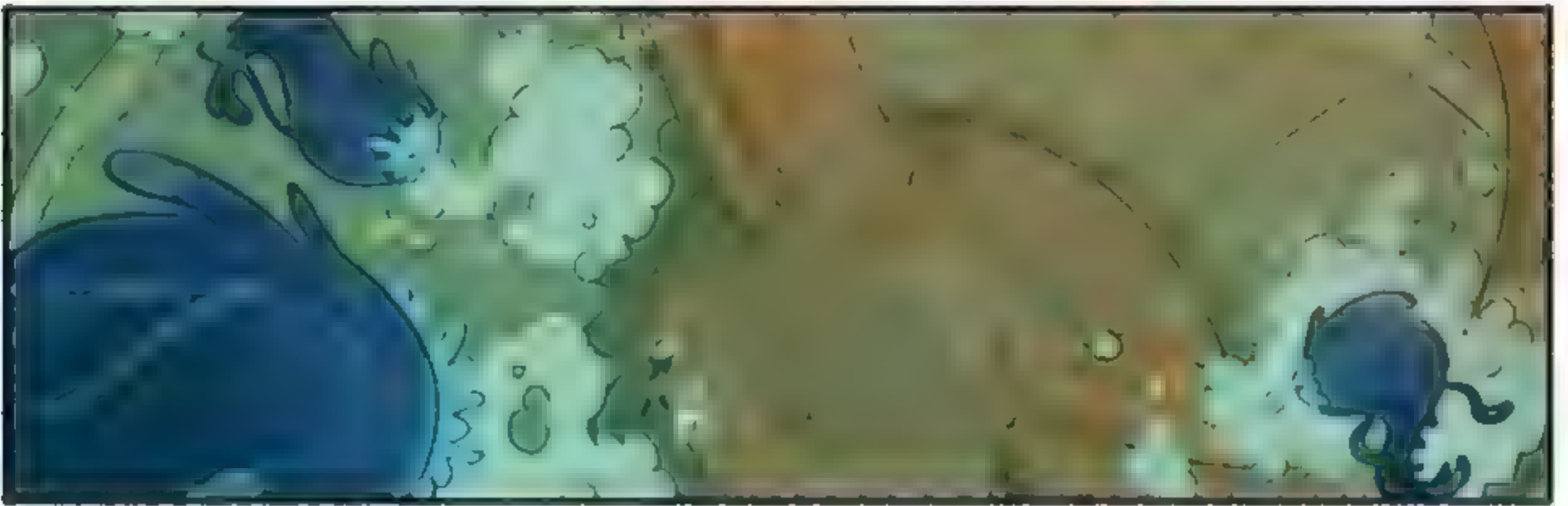
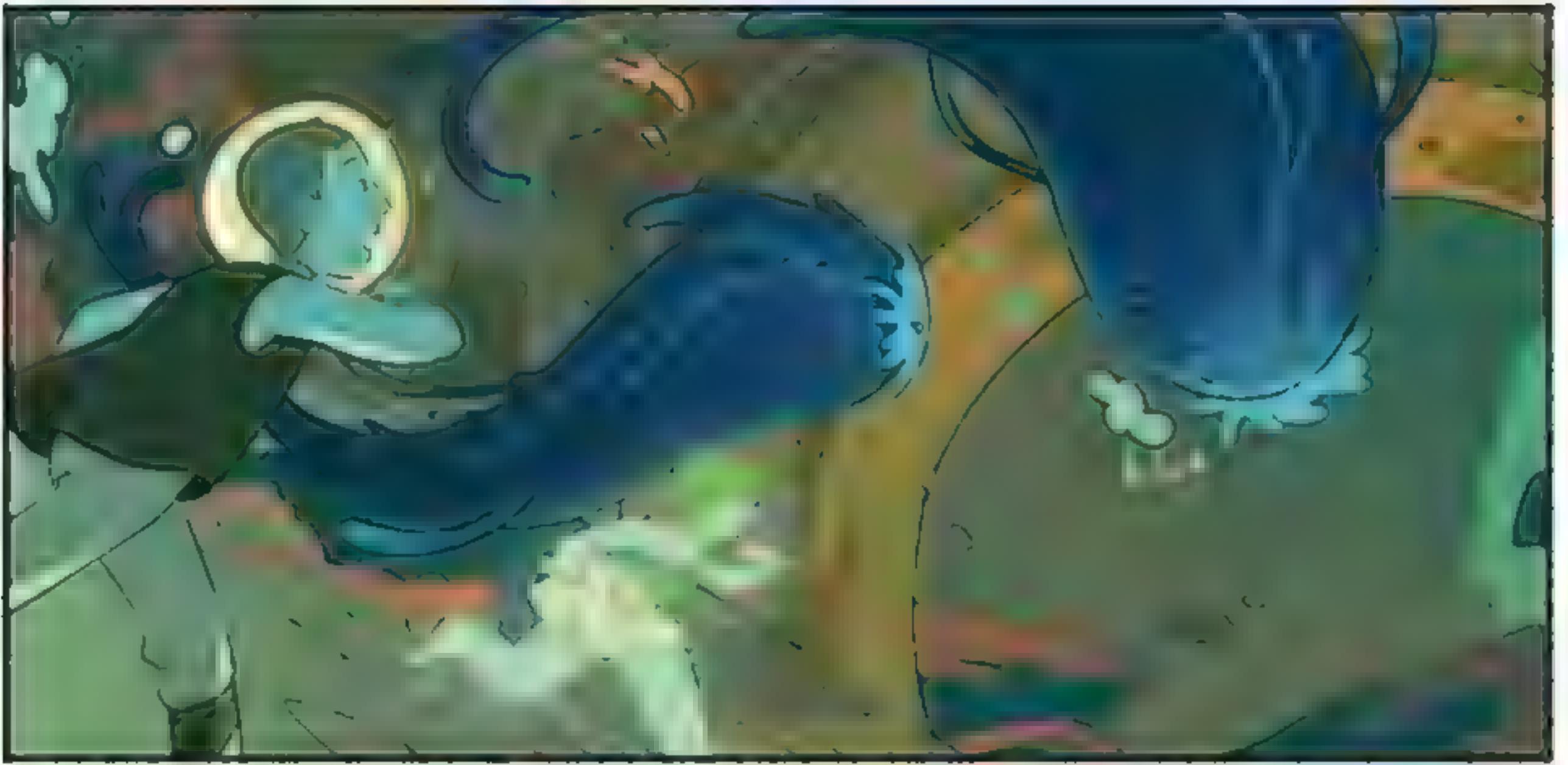








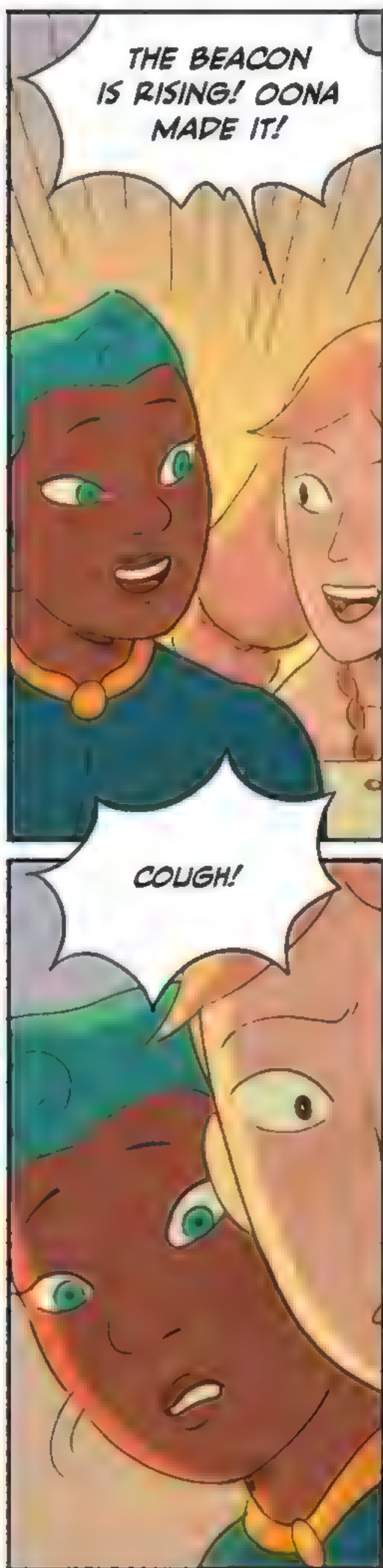


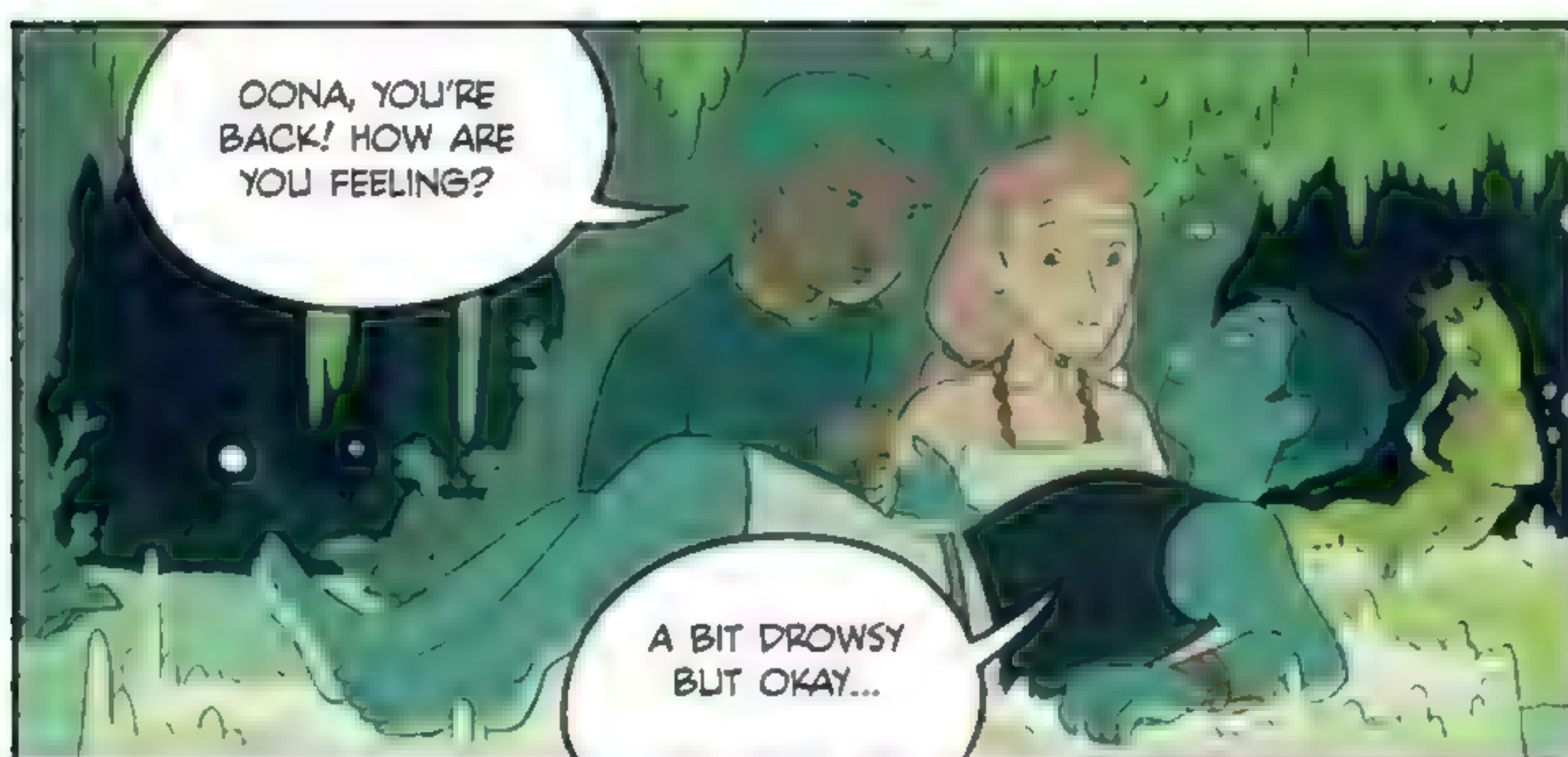


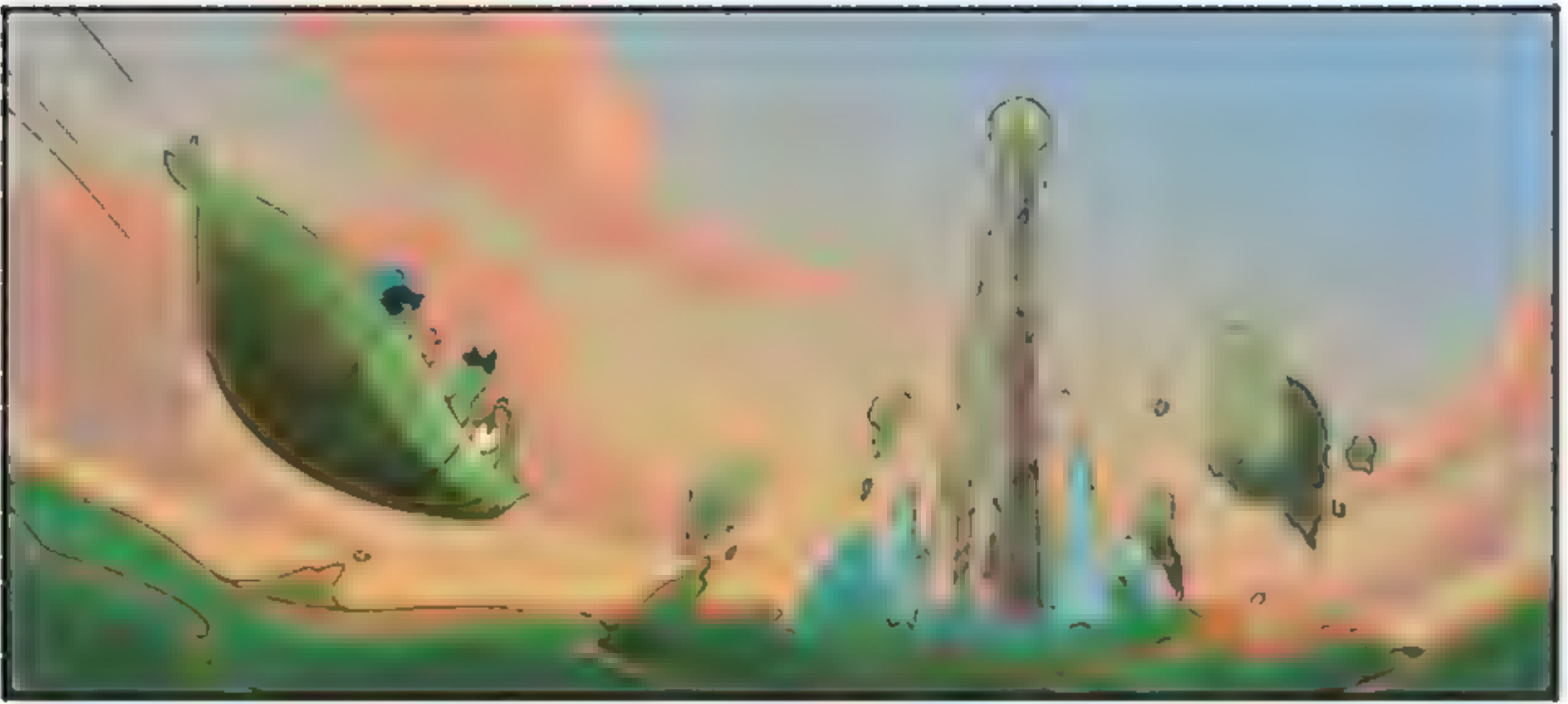
THE GATEKEEPERS
ARE RELEASING
THE BEACON!!

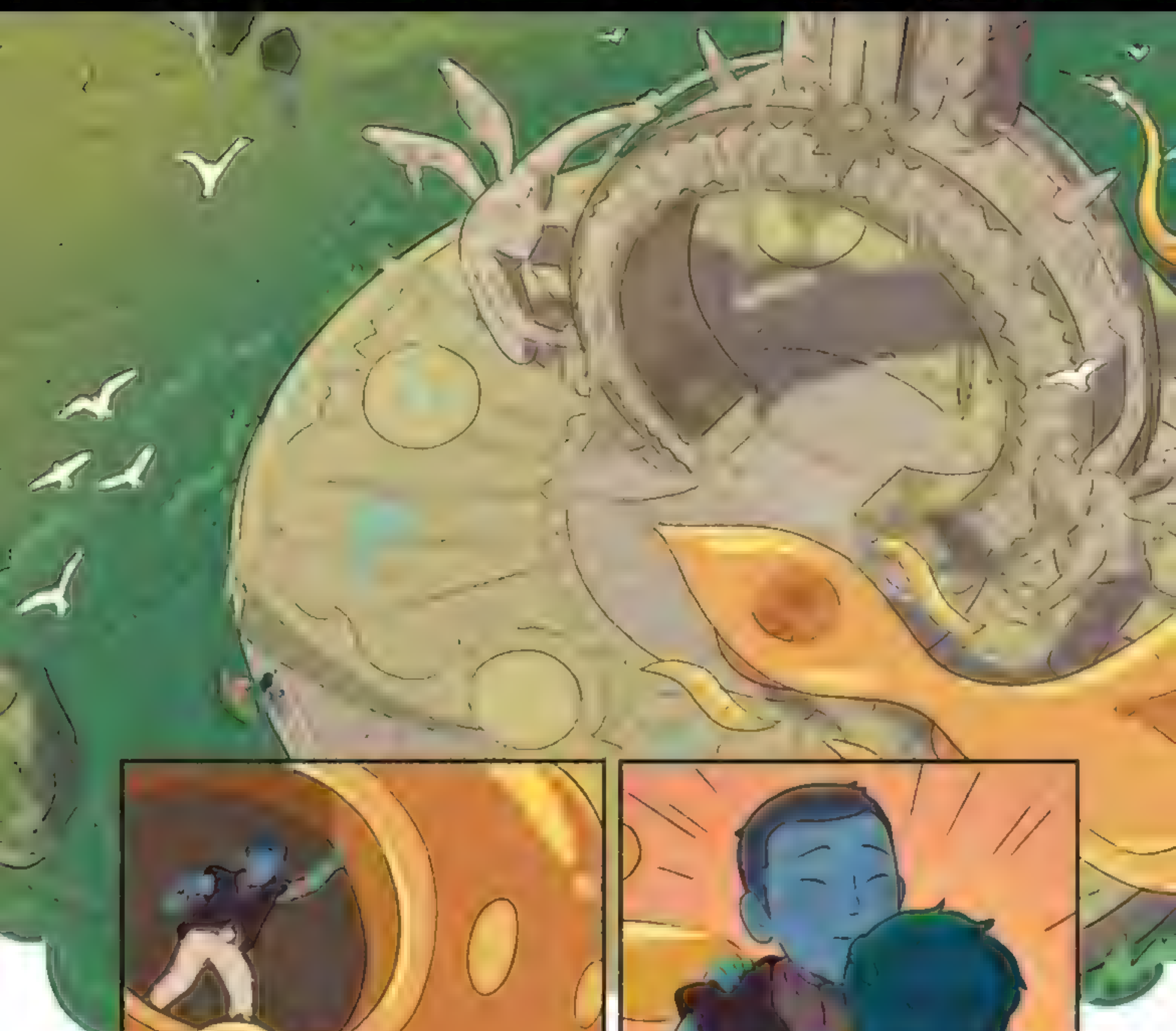




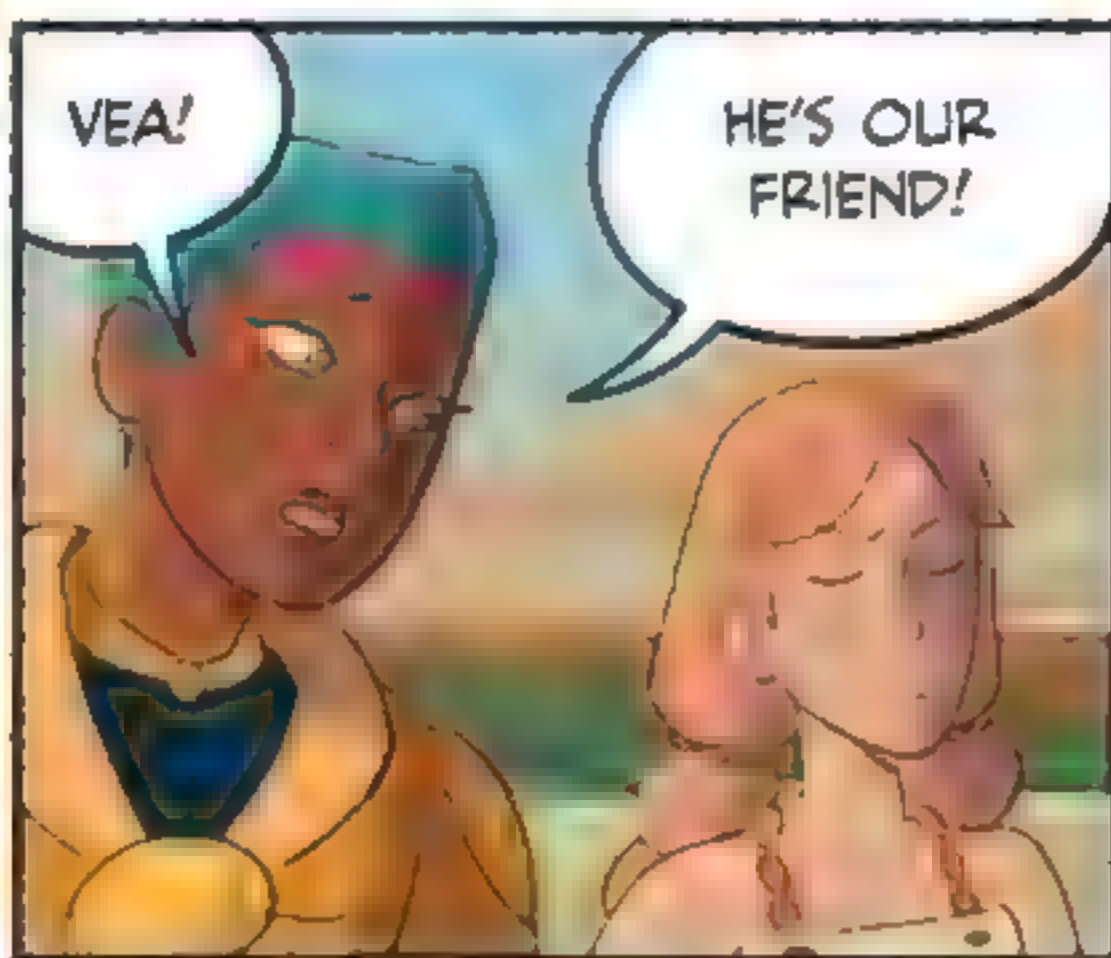
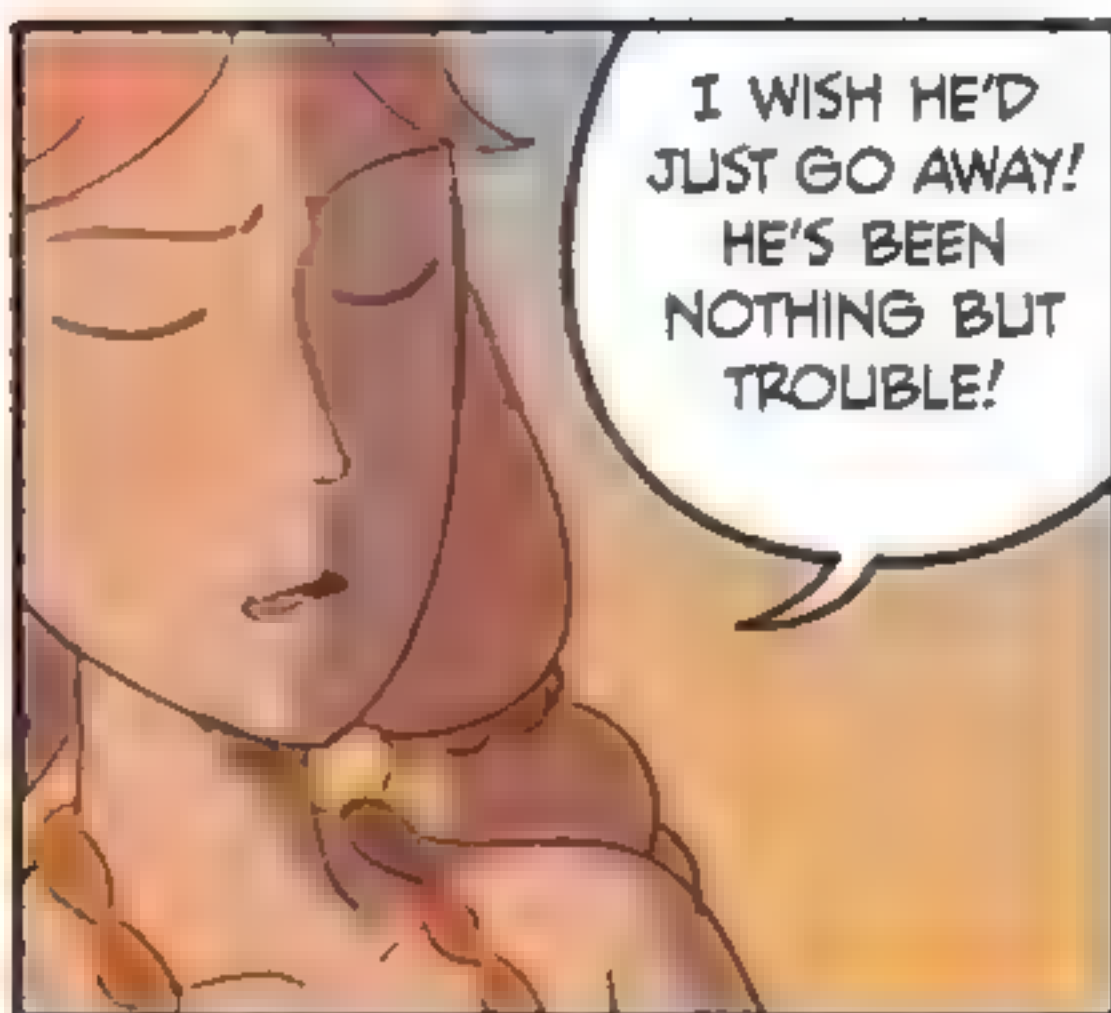




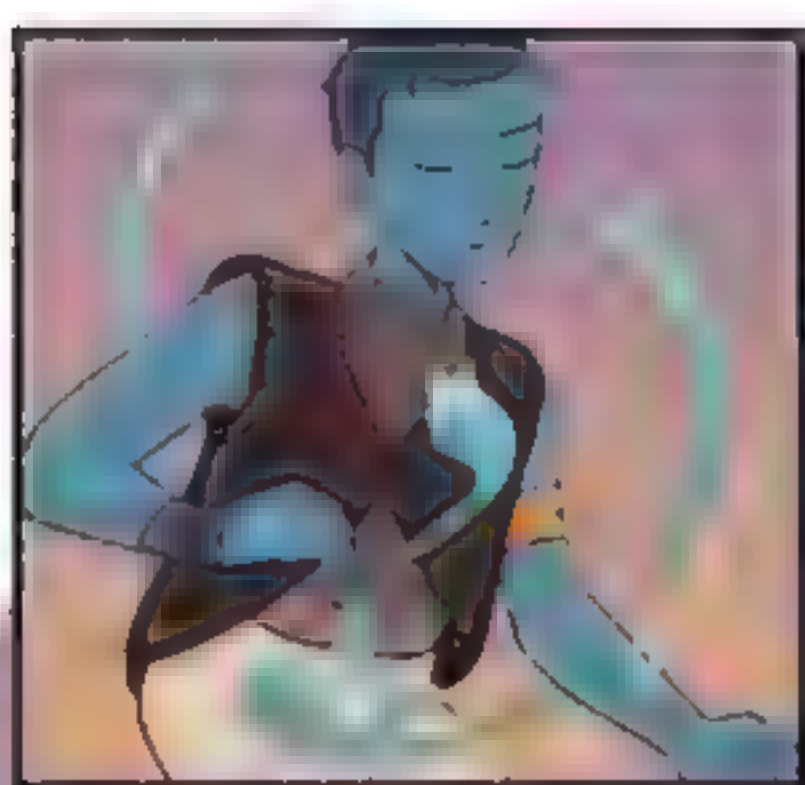


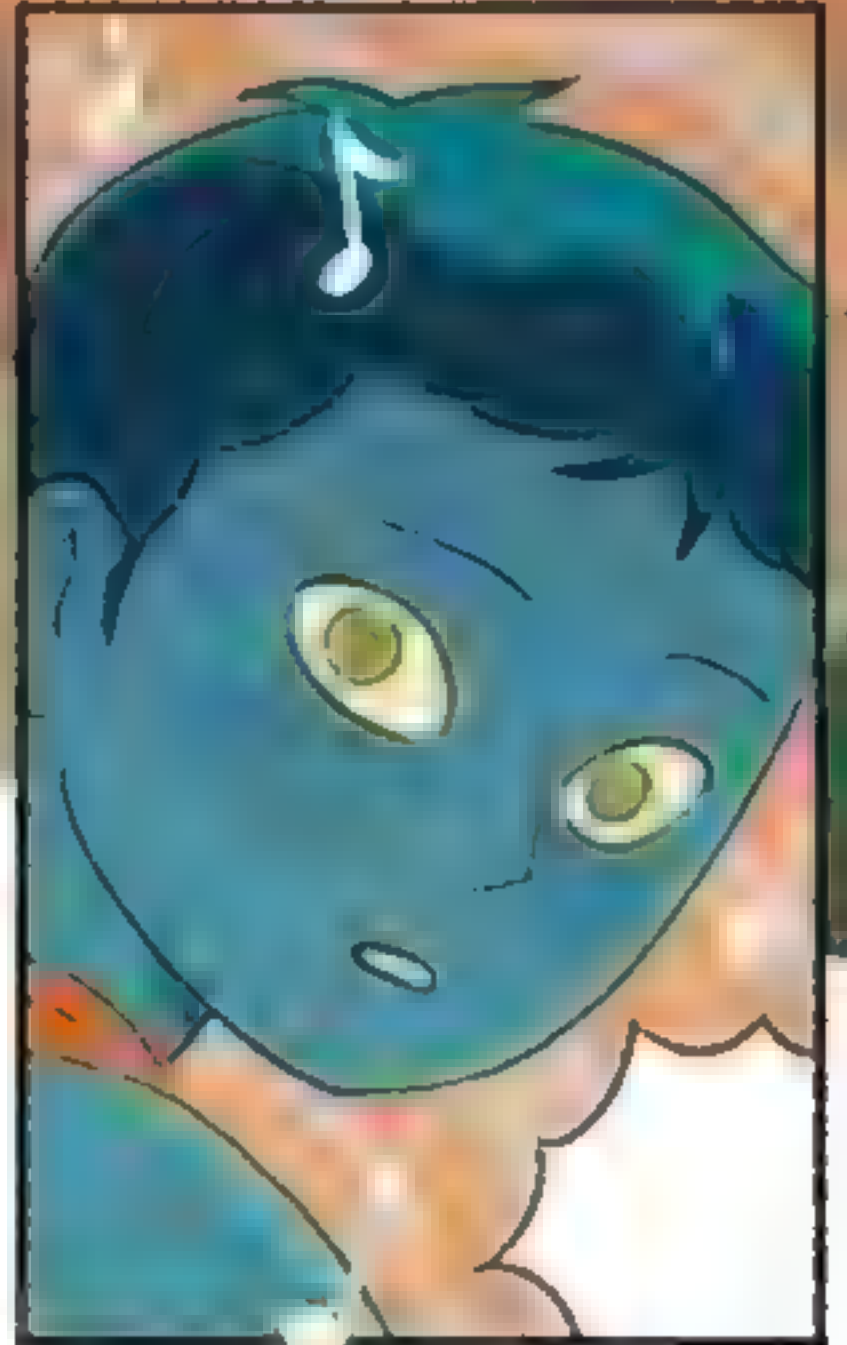
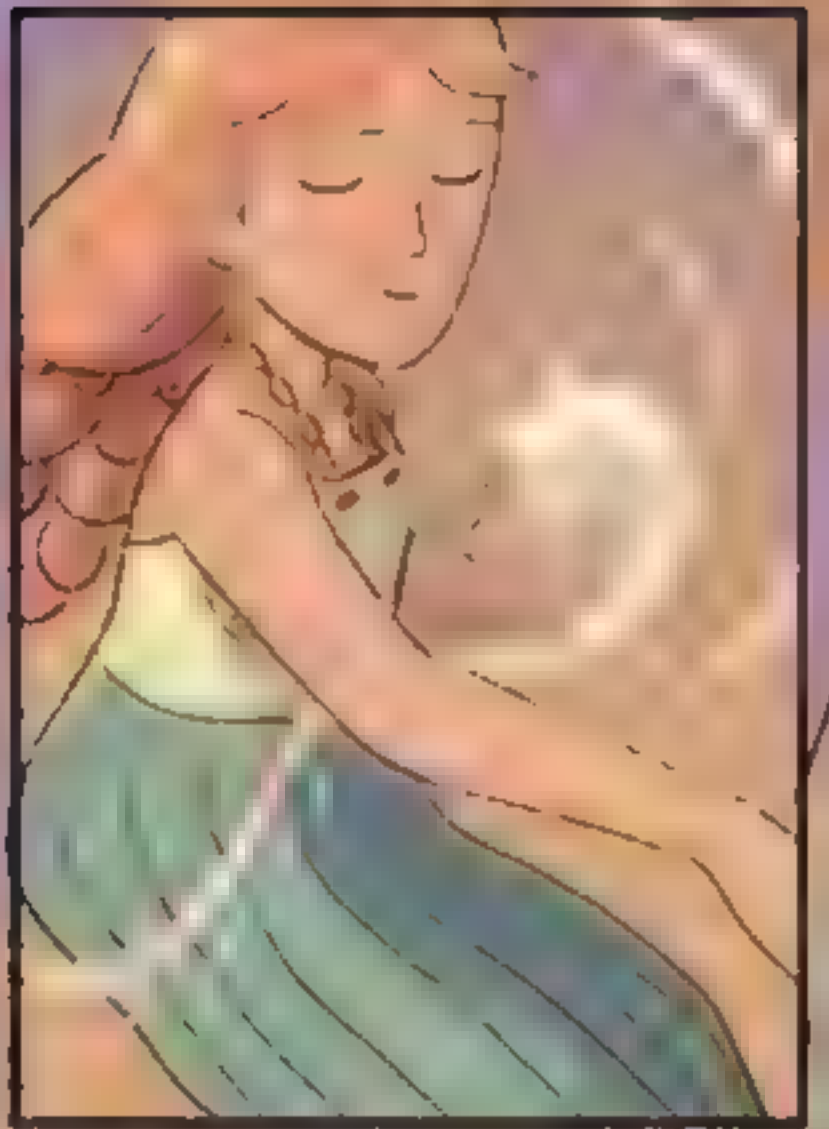
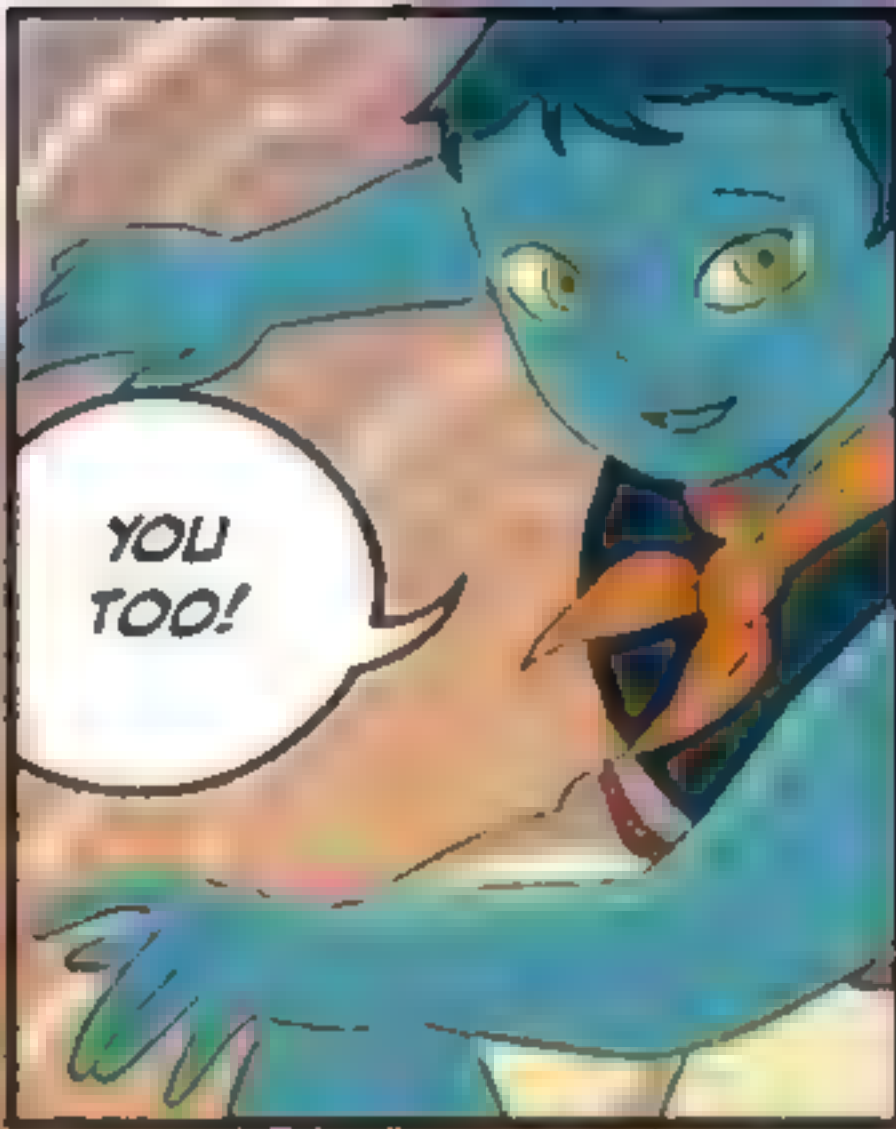


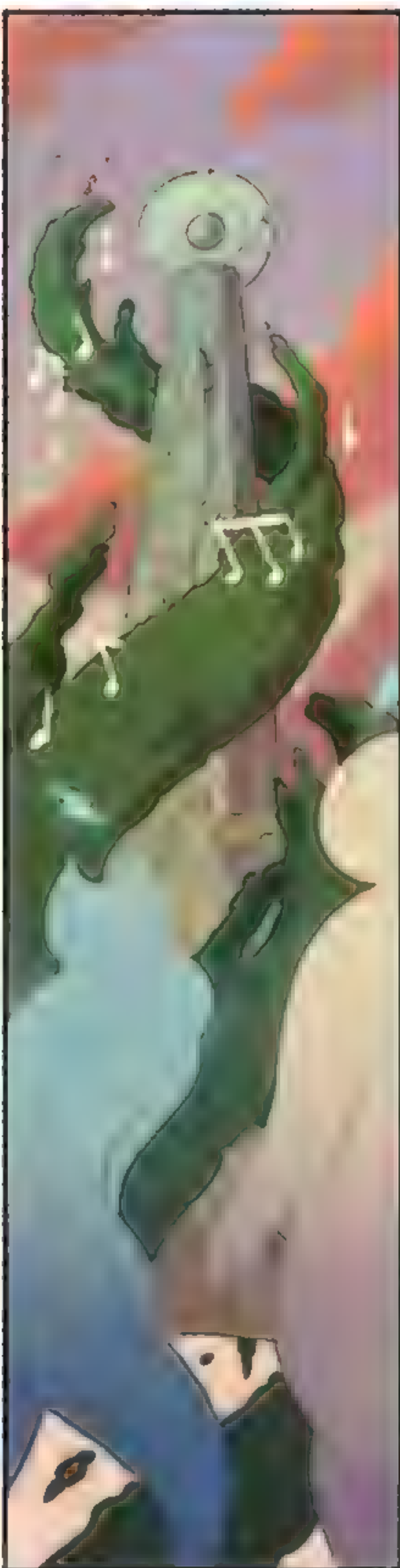
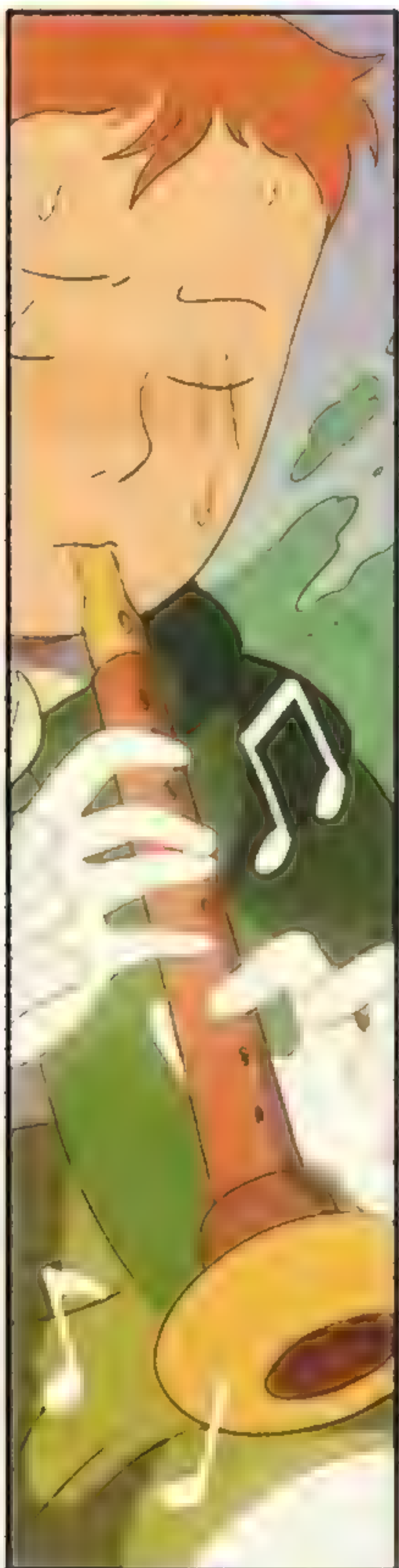
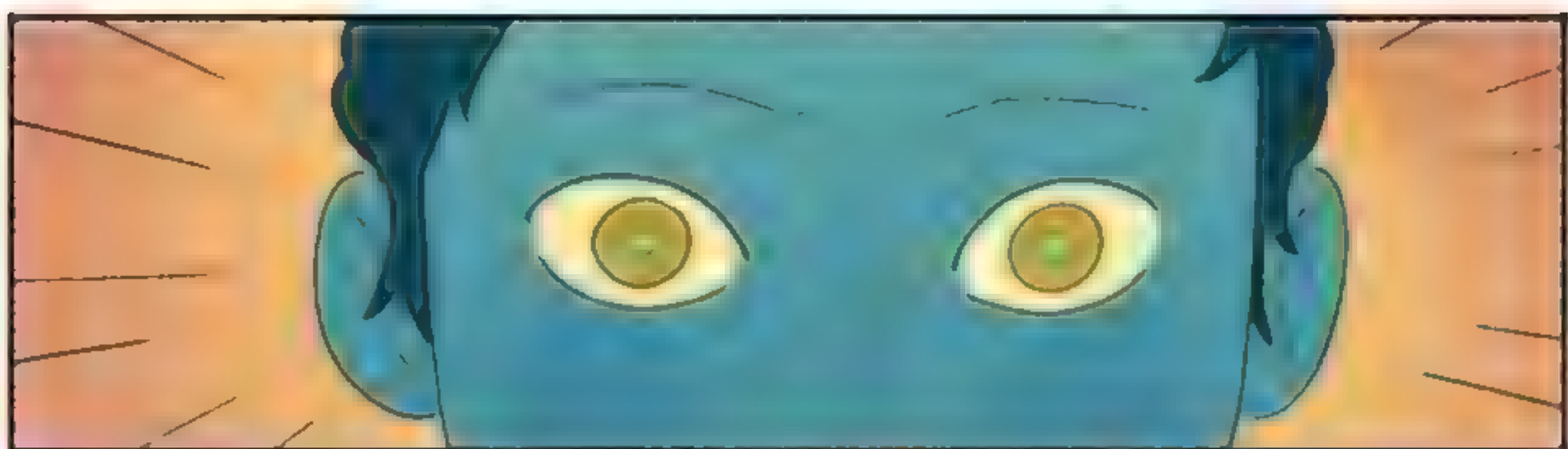
HUGS DO WORK
BETTER IN *THIS*
BODY.

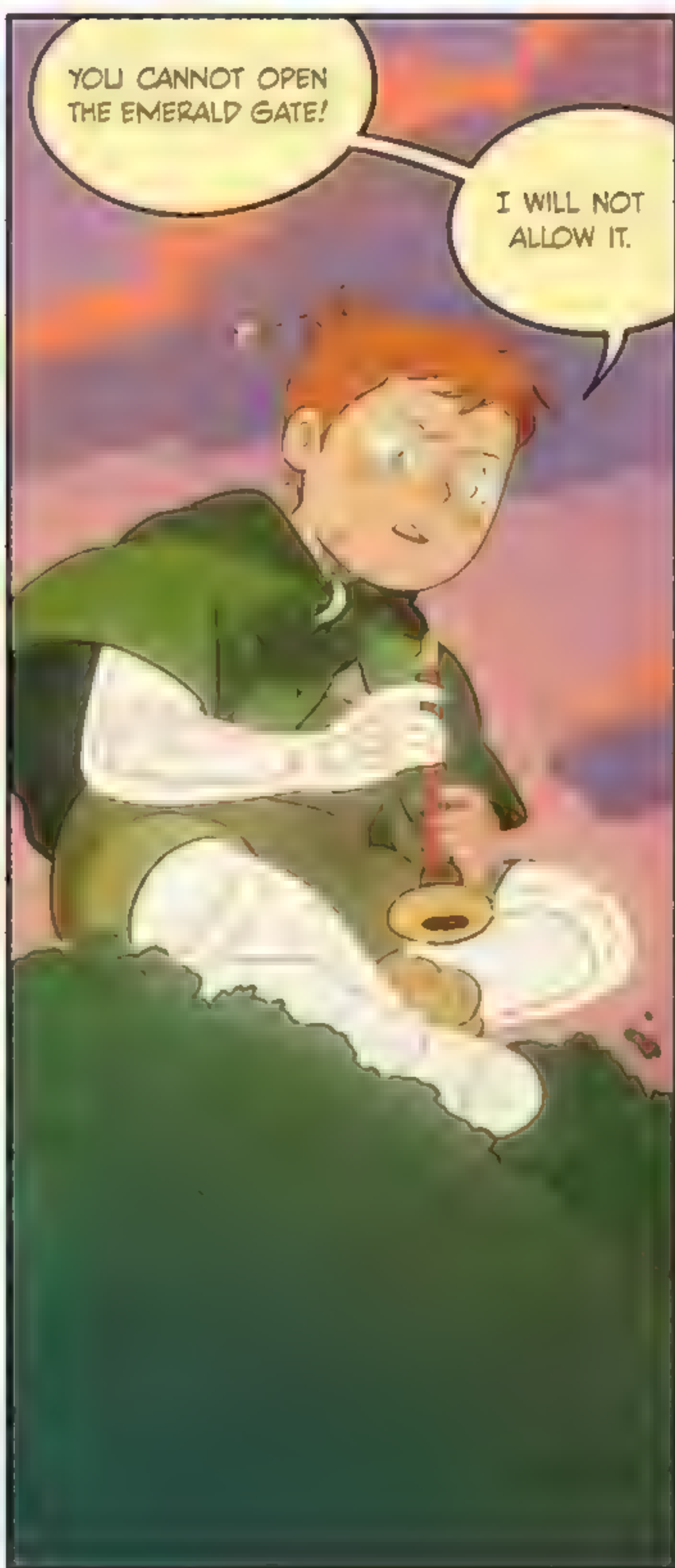
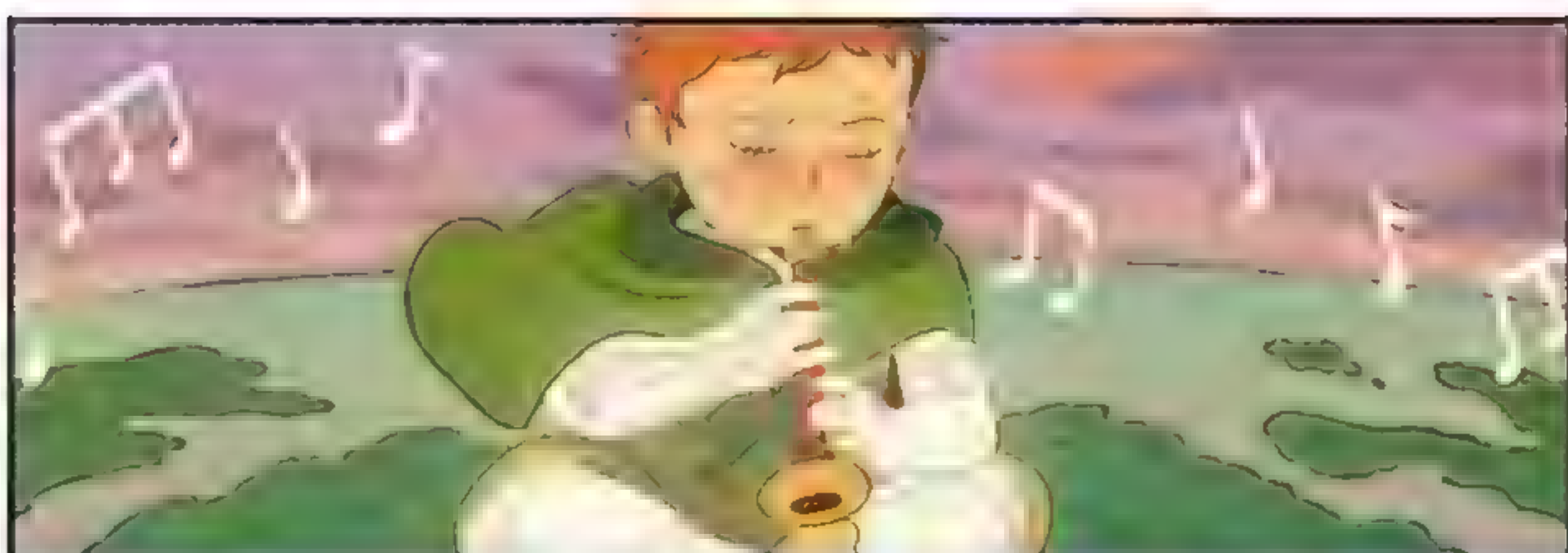










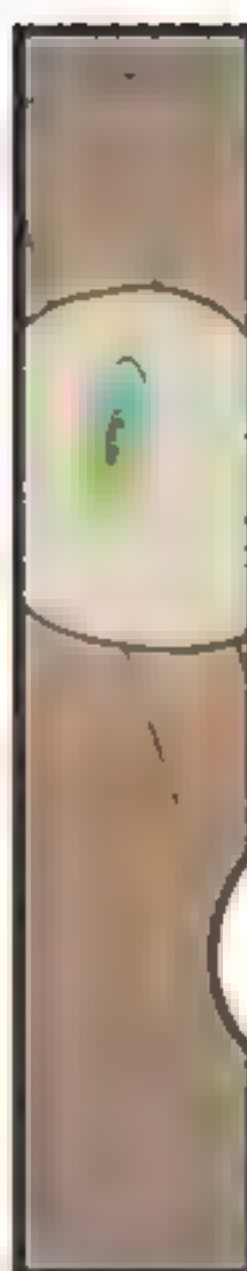








AN TZU.



OONA.



IT CAN ONLY WORK
IF, AFTER ALL WE'VE
BEEN THROUGH
TOGETHER...

YOU
BELIEVE
THAT I WILL
DO WHAT
IS NEEDED.
**ALL THAT IS
NEEDED.**

**STAN MOON
CAN'T KNOW
WHAT THAT
IS!**



I DO BELIEVE
THAT, OONA.

DO NOT
TELL ME
YOUR PLAN.
I TRUST
YOU.

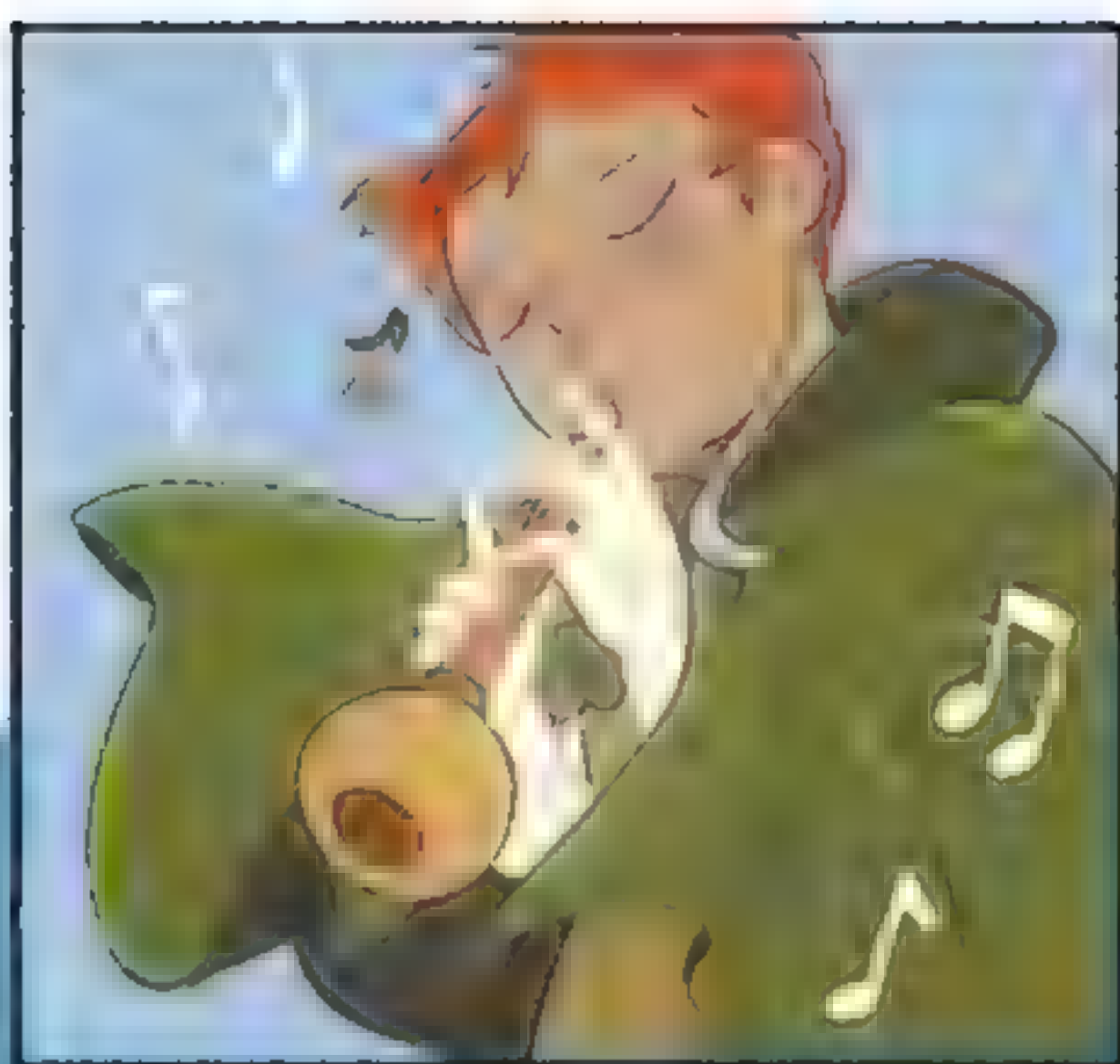
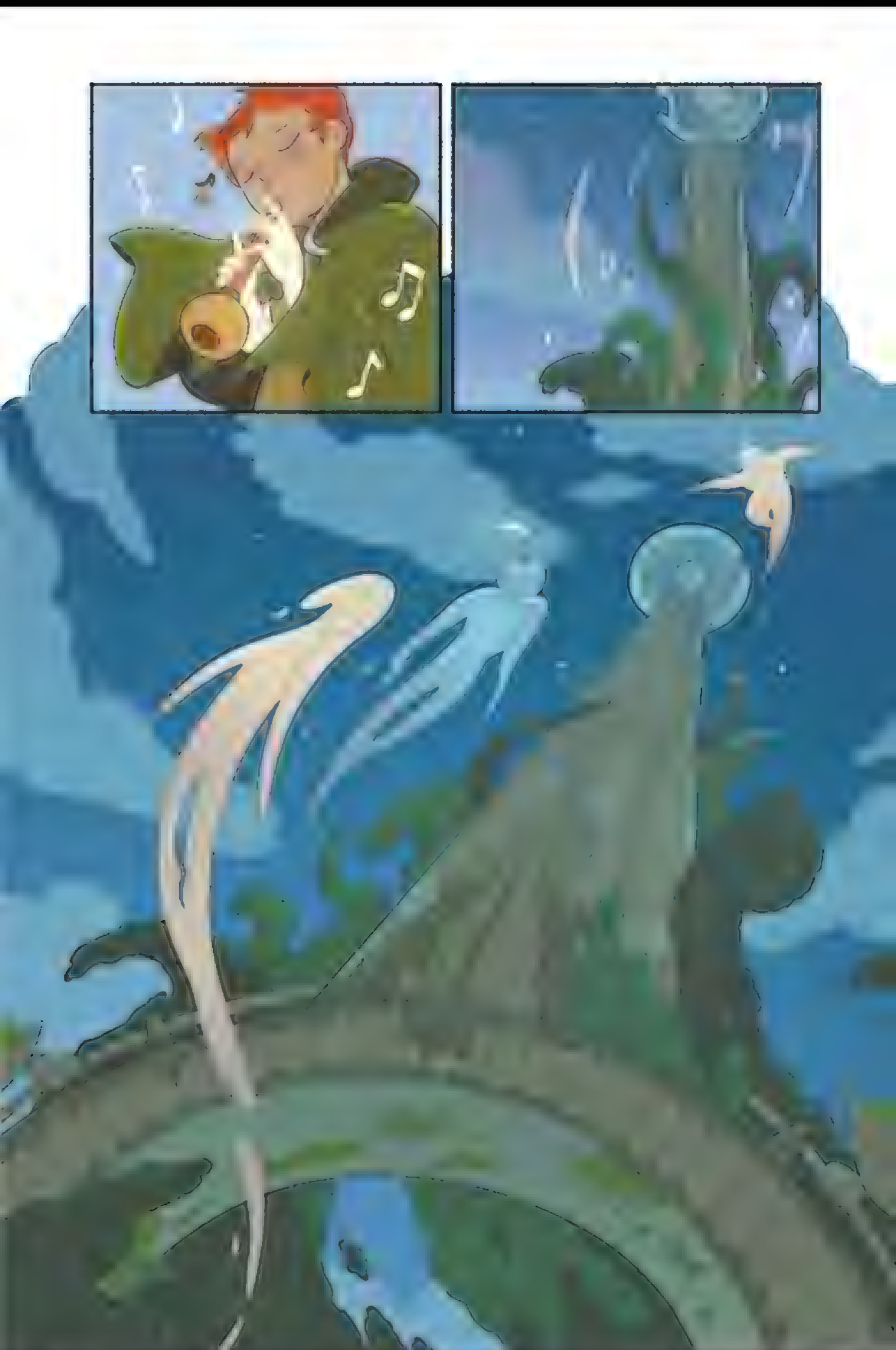


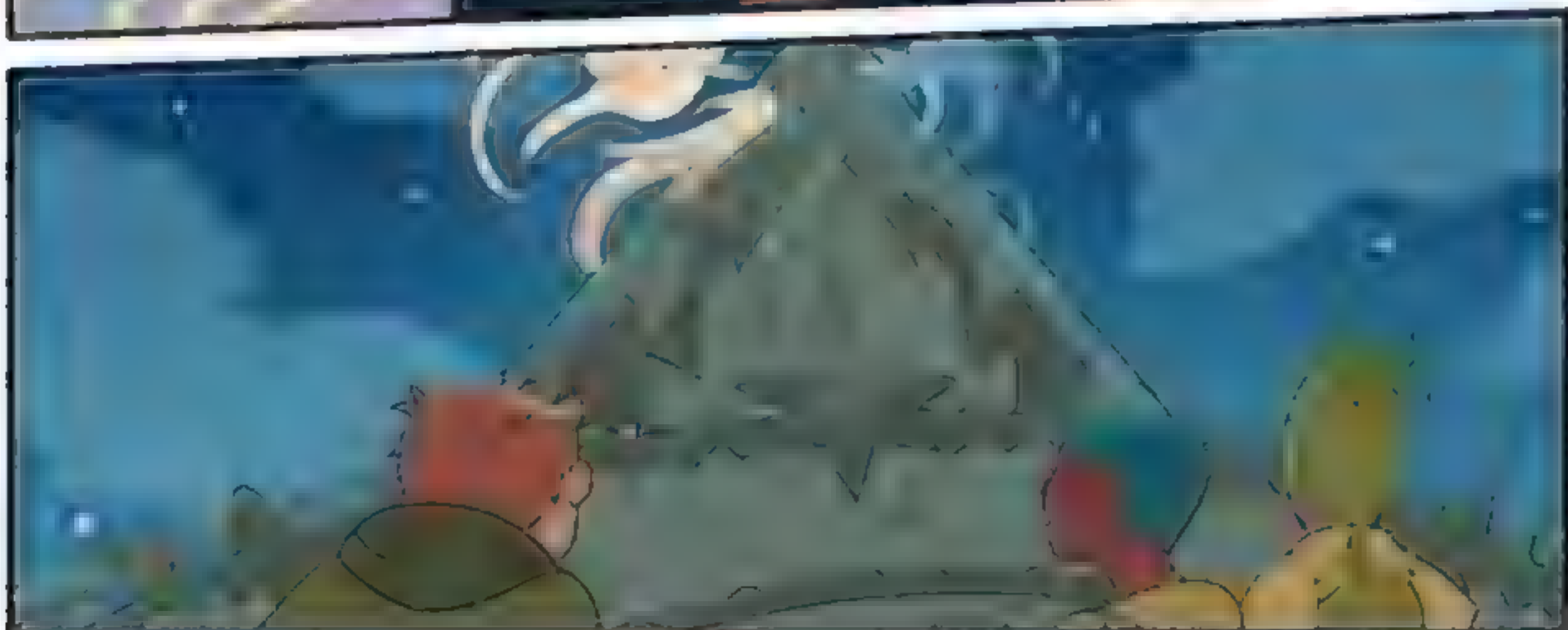
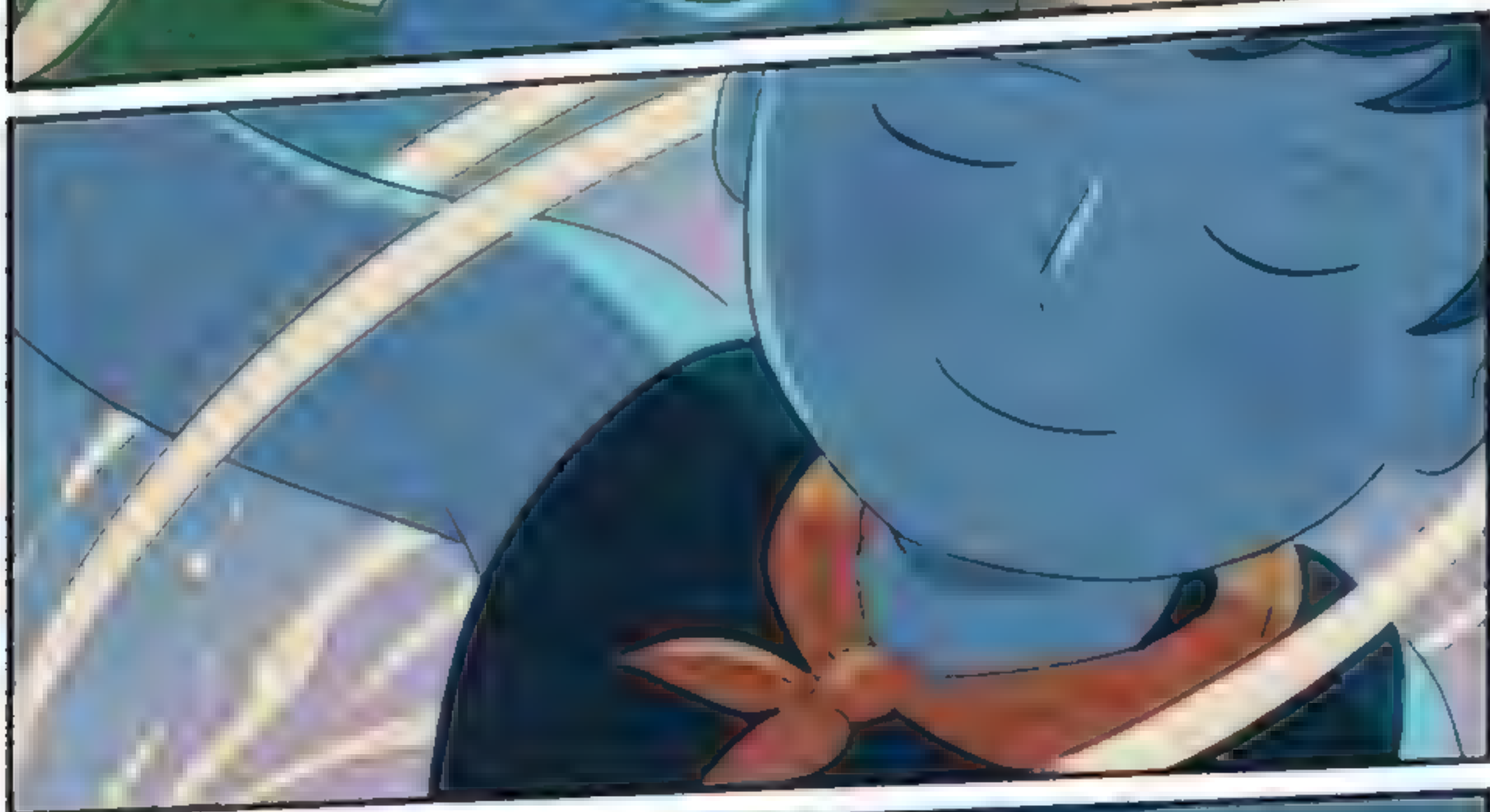
AND
ONE MORE
THING.

WHAT'S
THAT?



NONE OF THIS
"AN TZU IS NO MORE"
TALK OR I'M GOING
TO GET REALLY MAD.







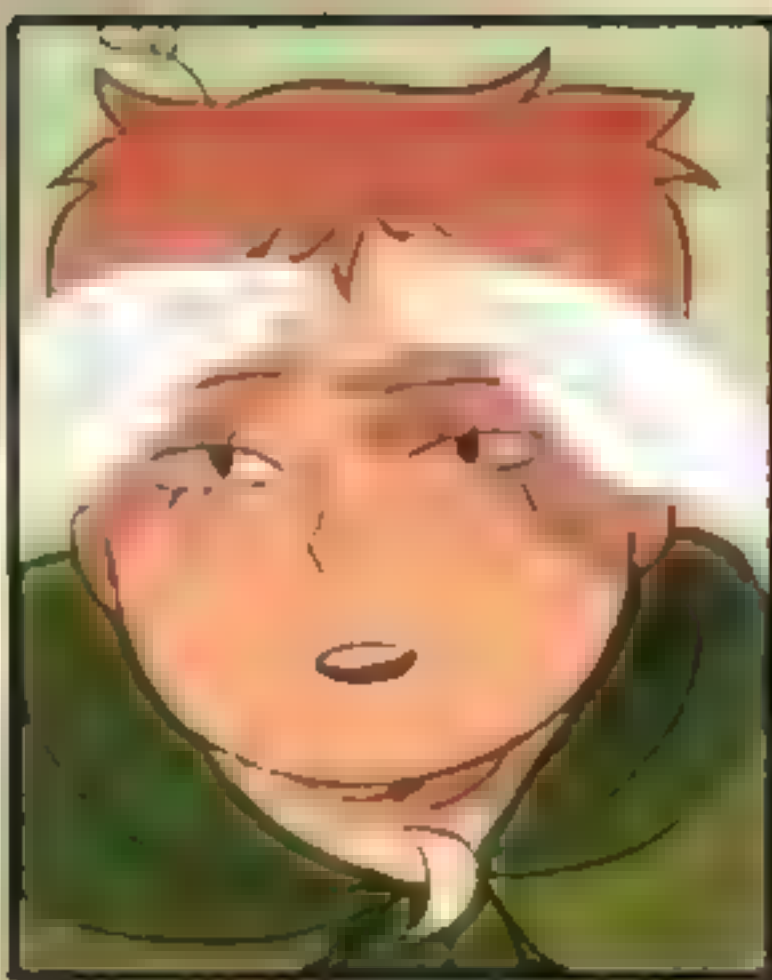


CHAPTER 12
SUN DOMANI

LOOK UP!

LOOK AT
MON
DOMANI!!







GRIMBO (E)



SALASSANDRA



MOON YATTA

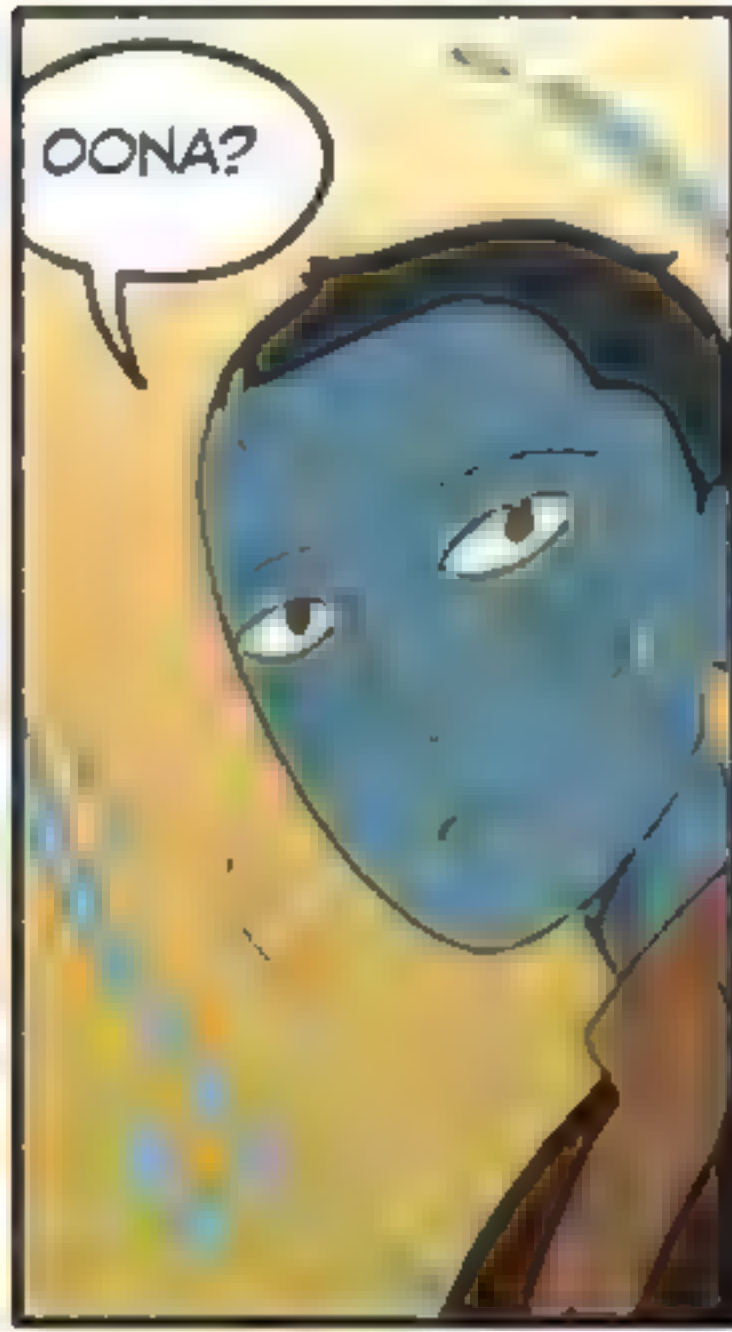
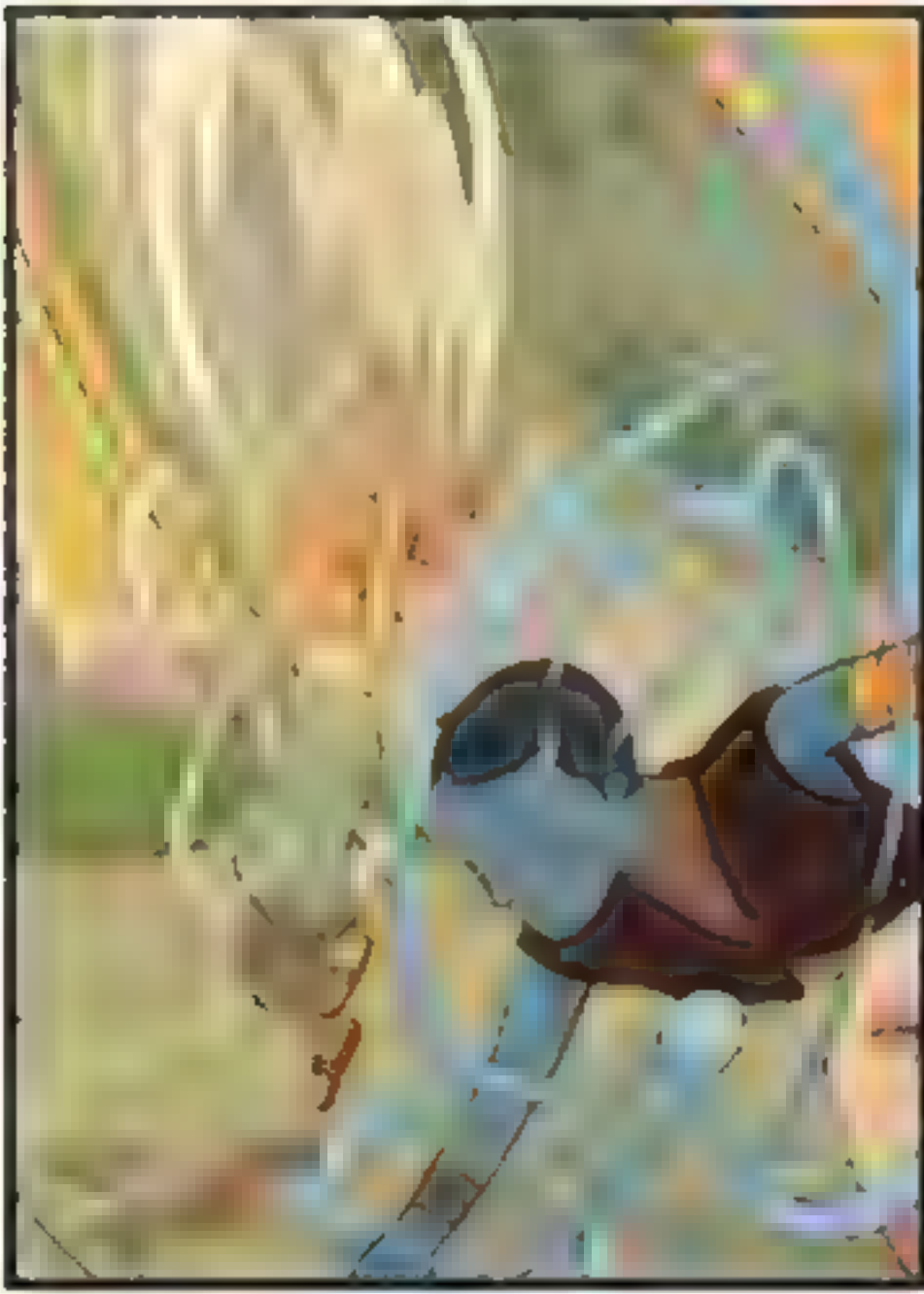


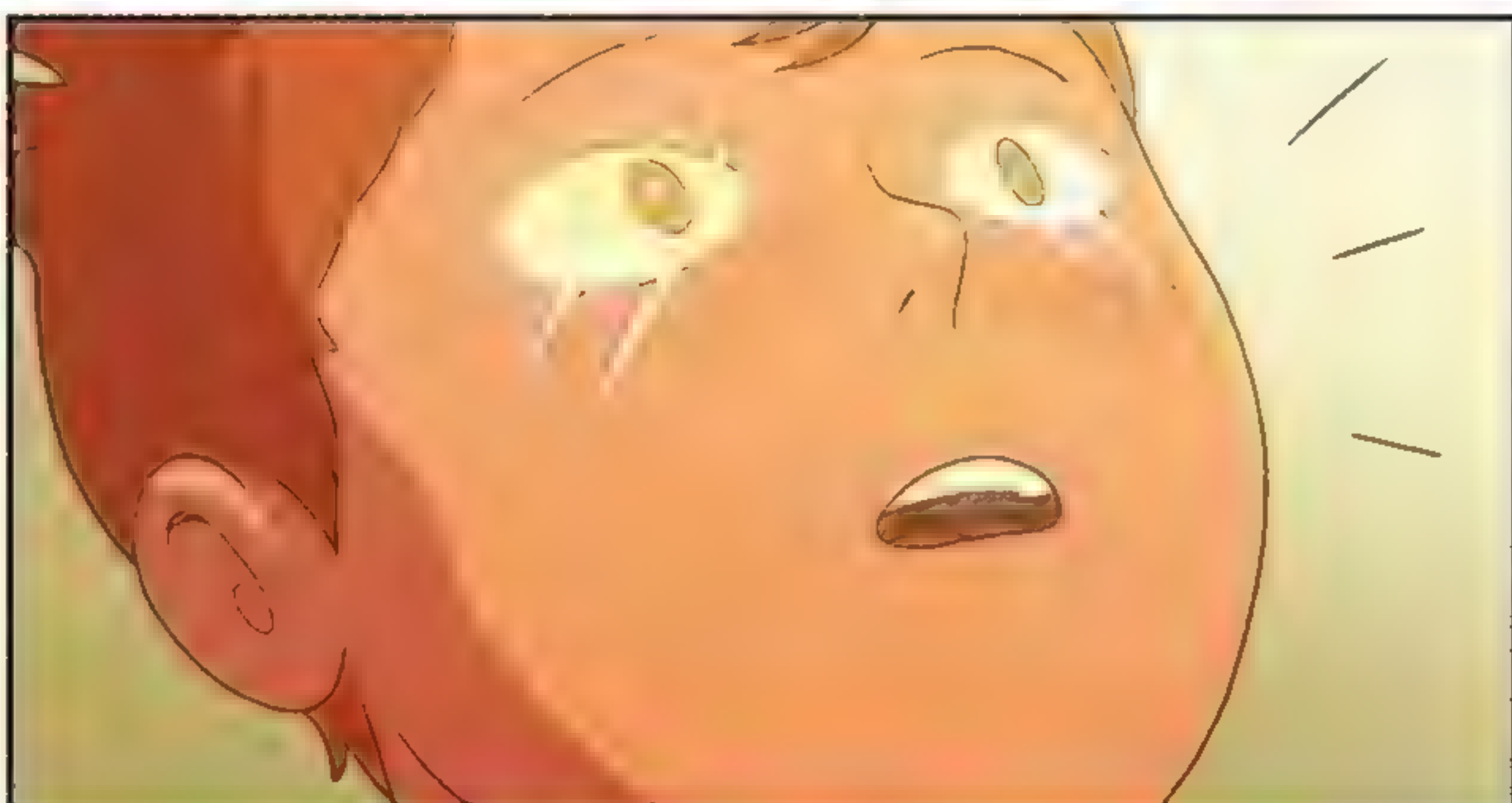
MOON TOKI

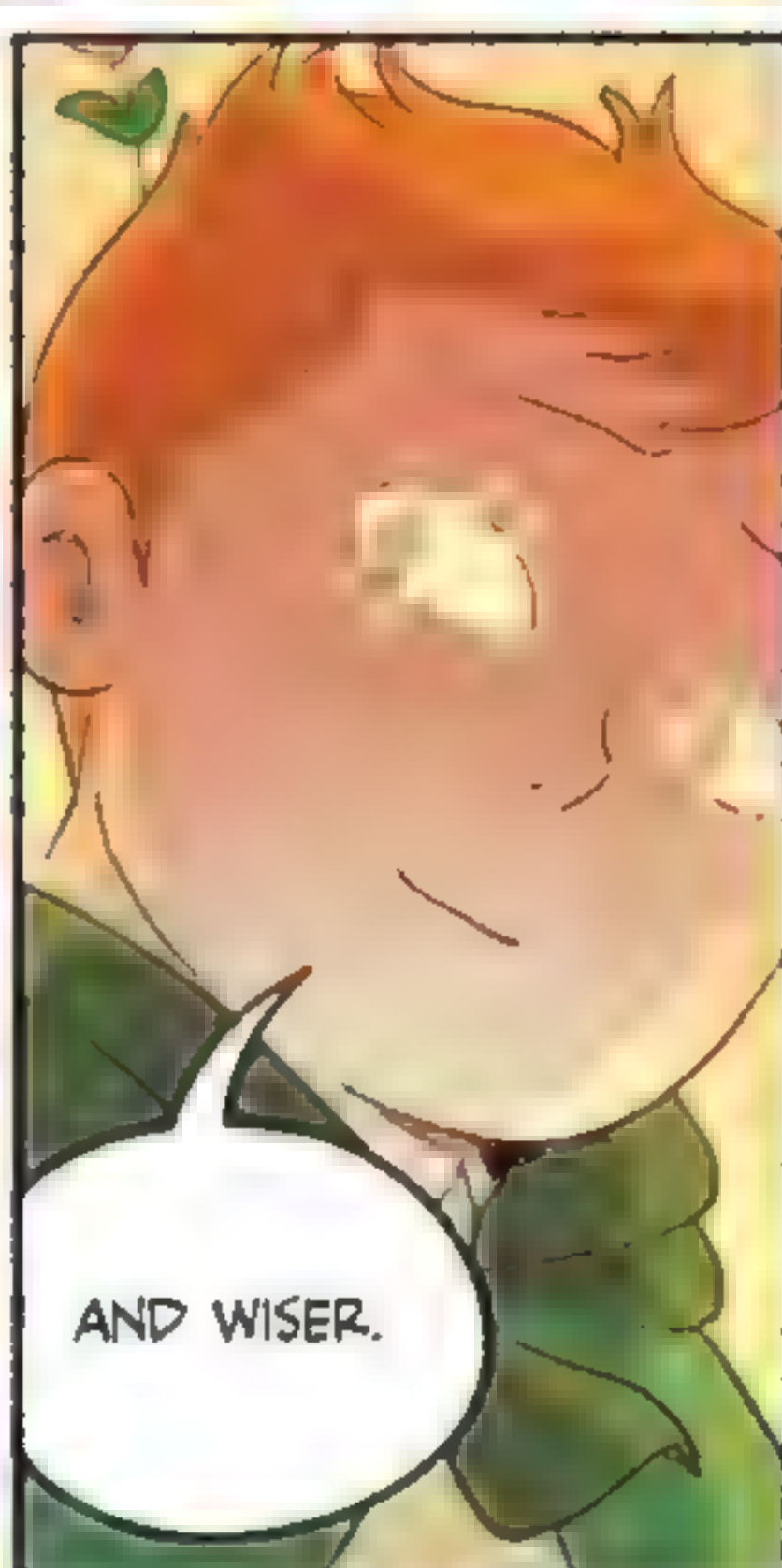
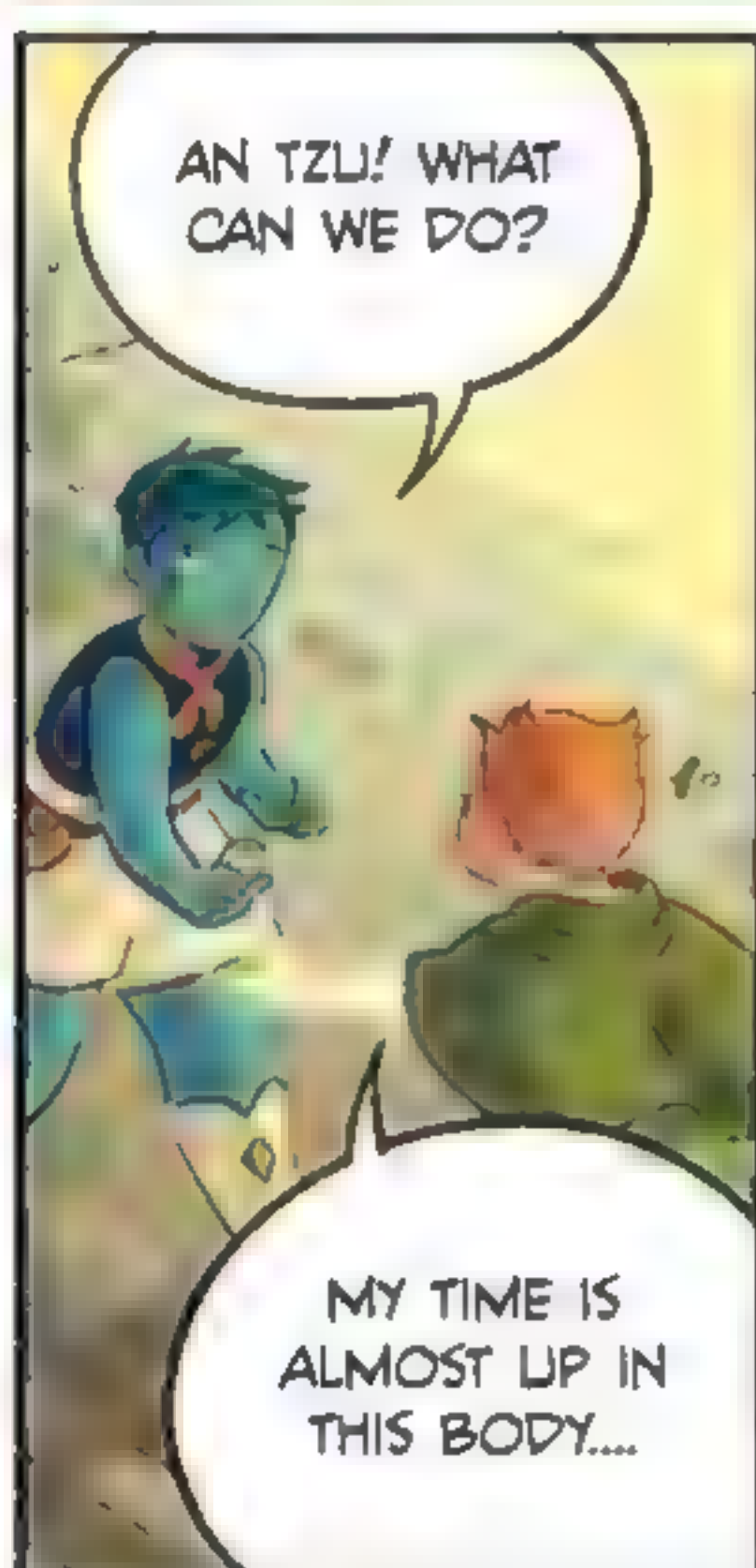
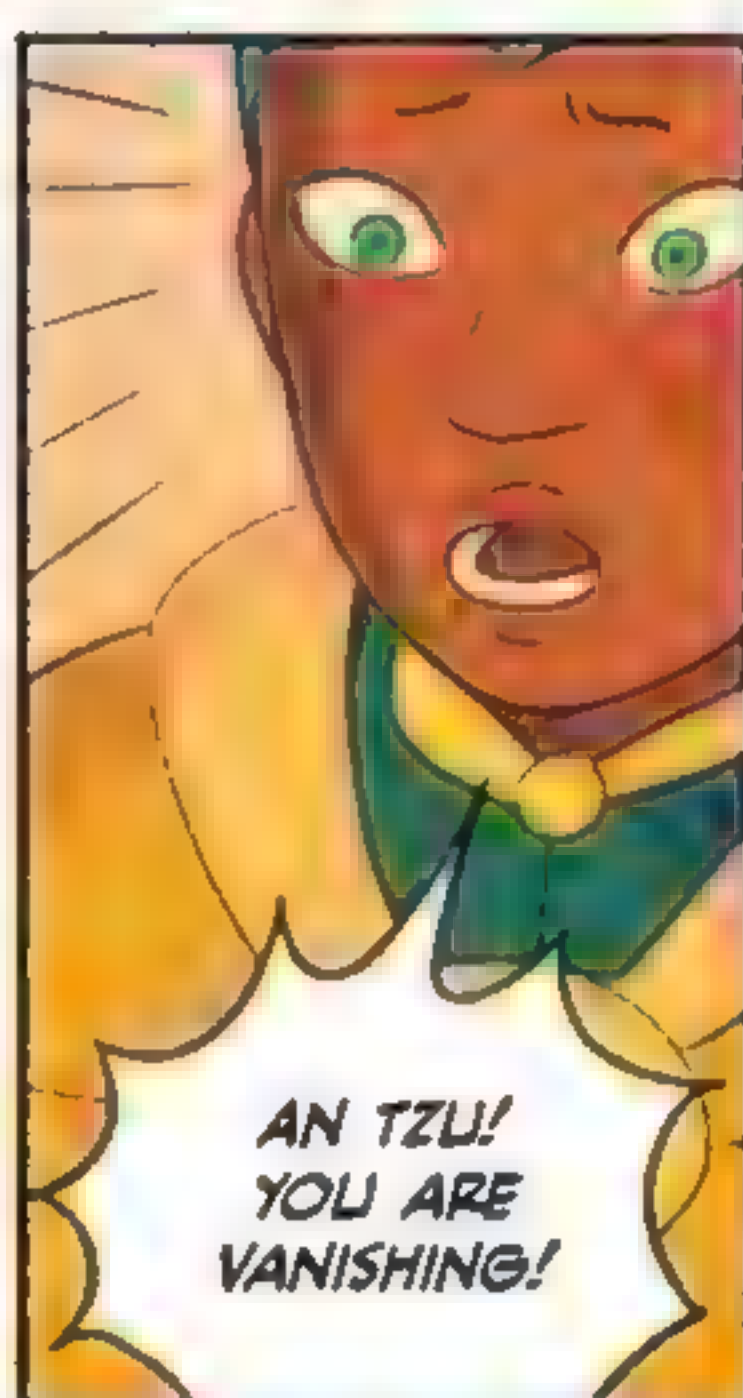


INSIDE
MON DOMANI--

NO, SUN DOMANI!











CHAPTER 15
THE EMERALD GATE

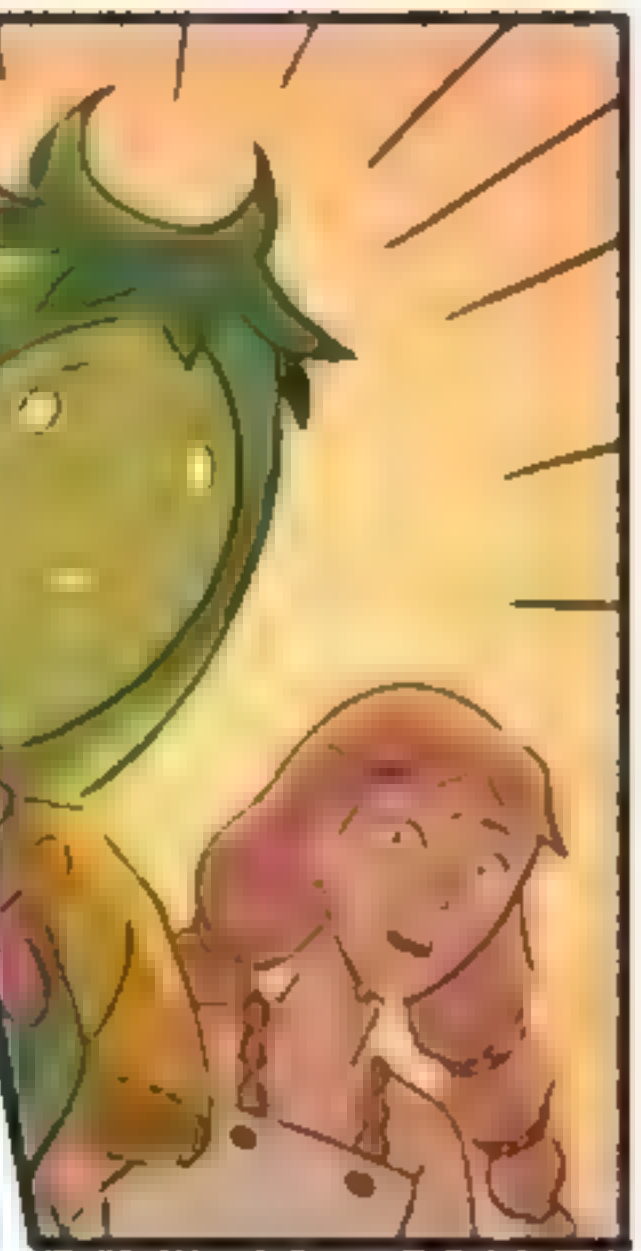
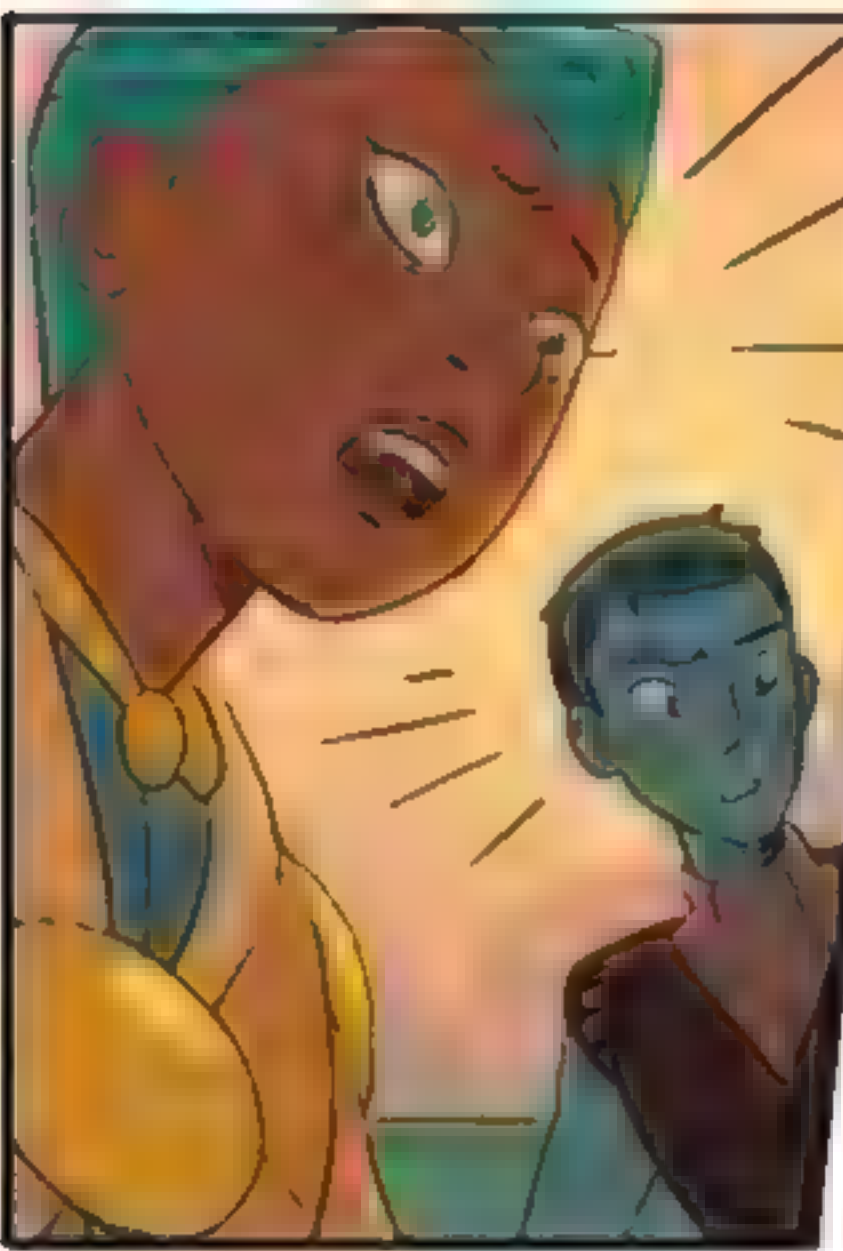
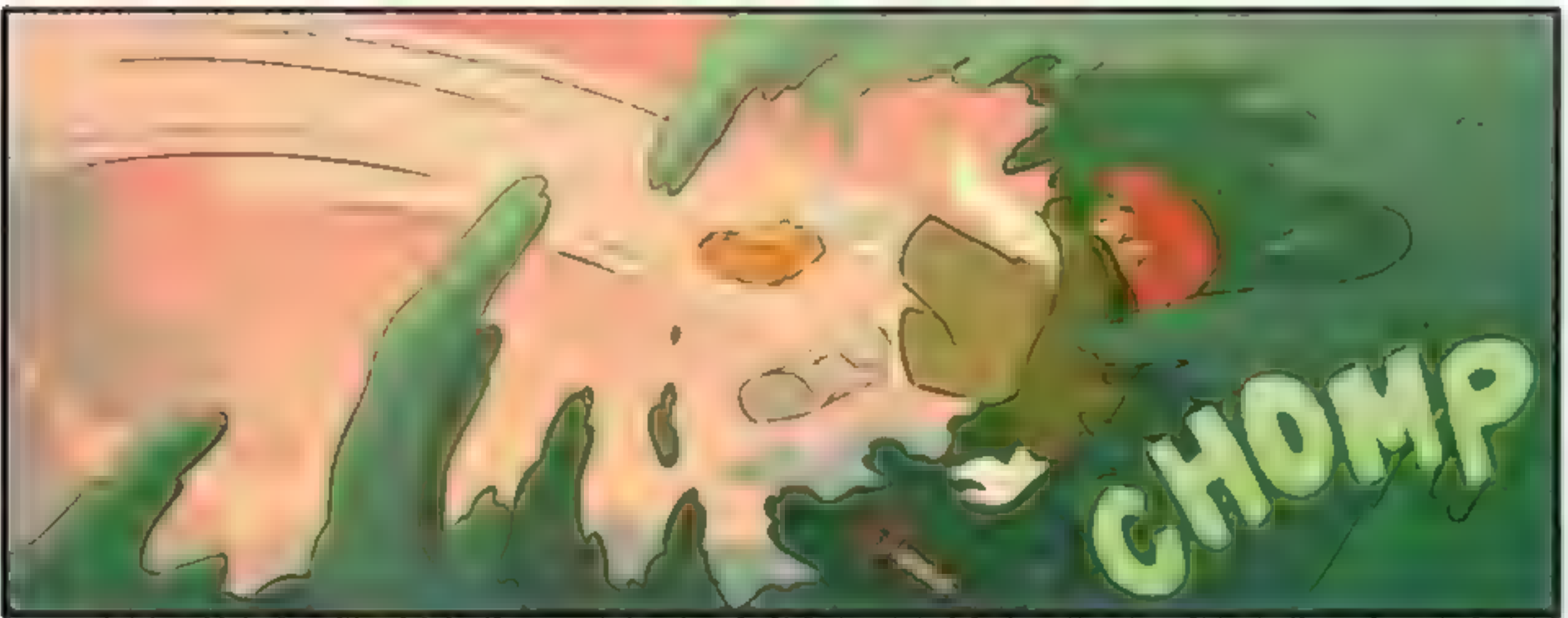


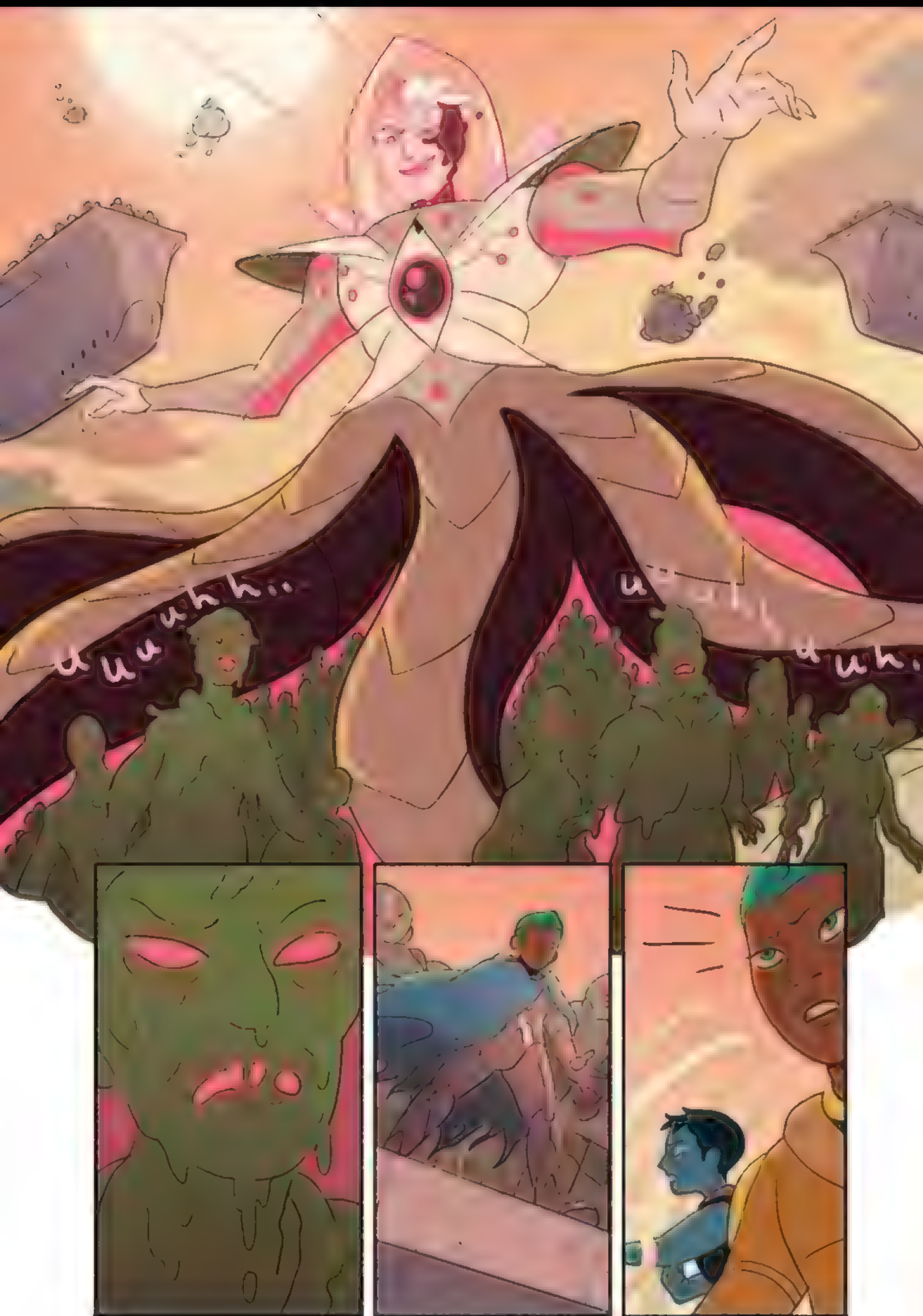






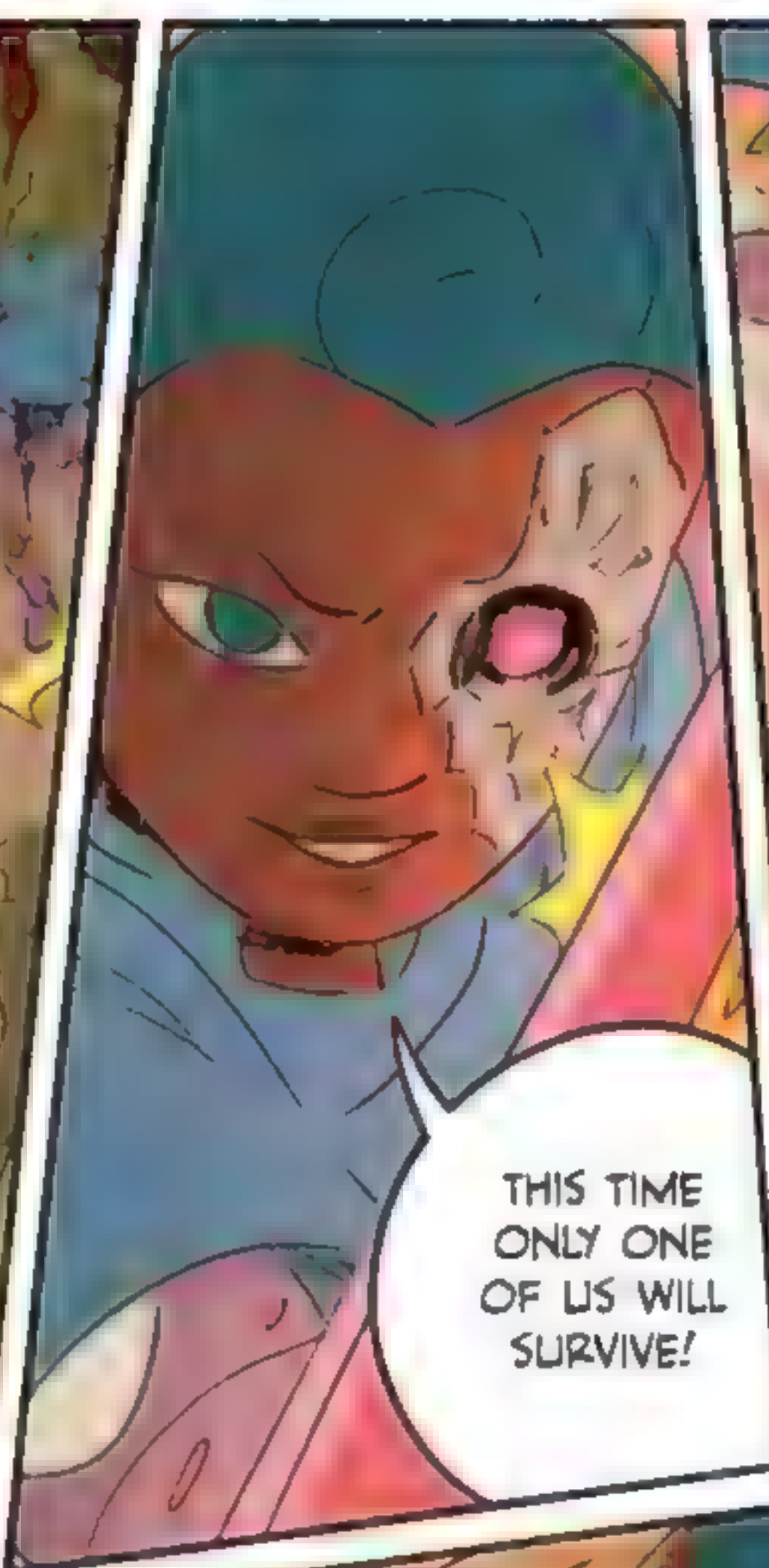




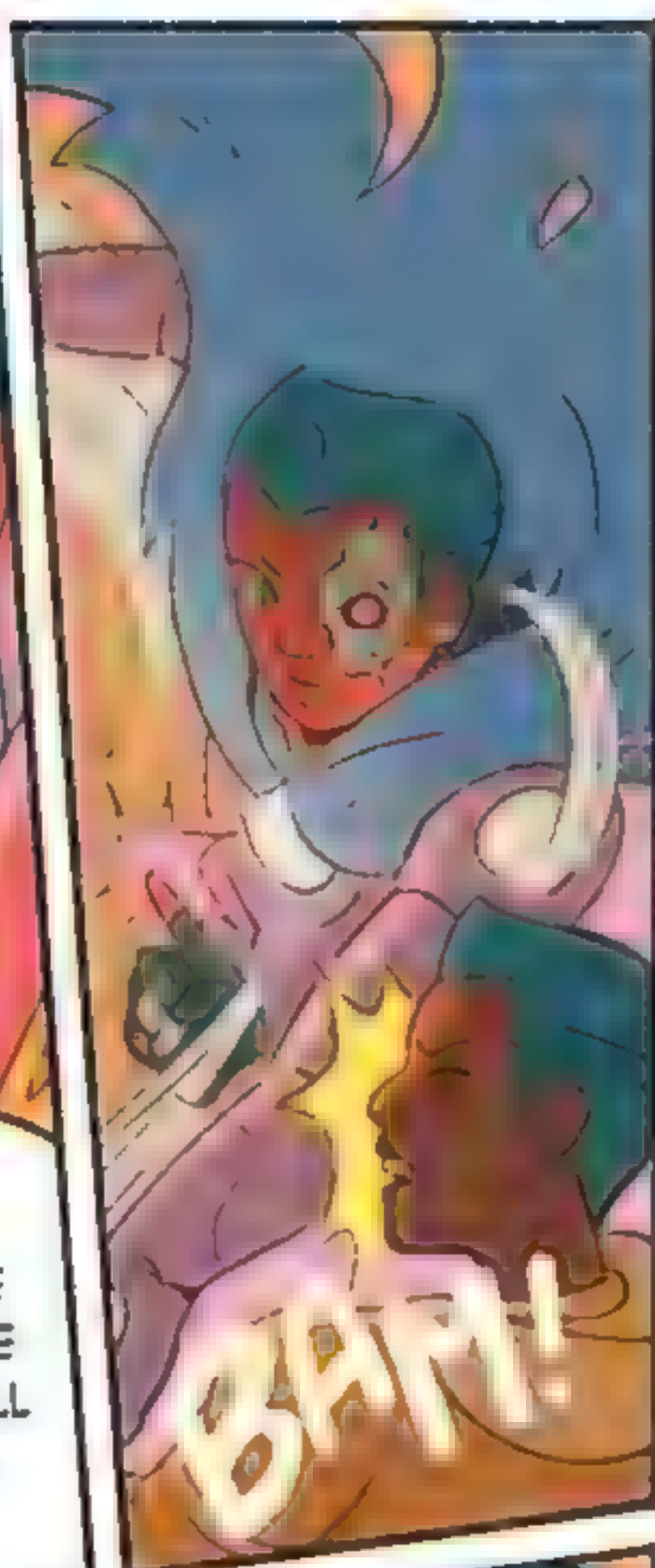




HELLO,
AGAIN!



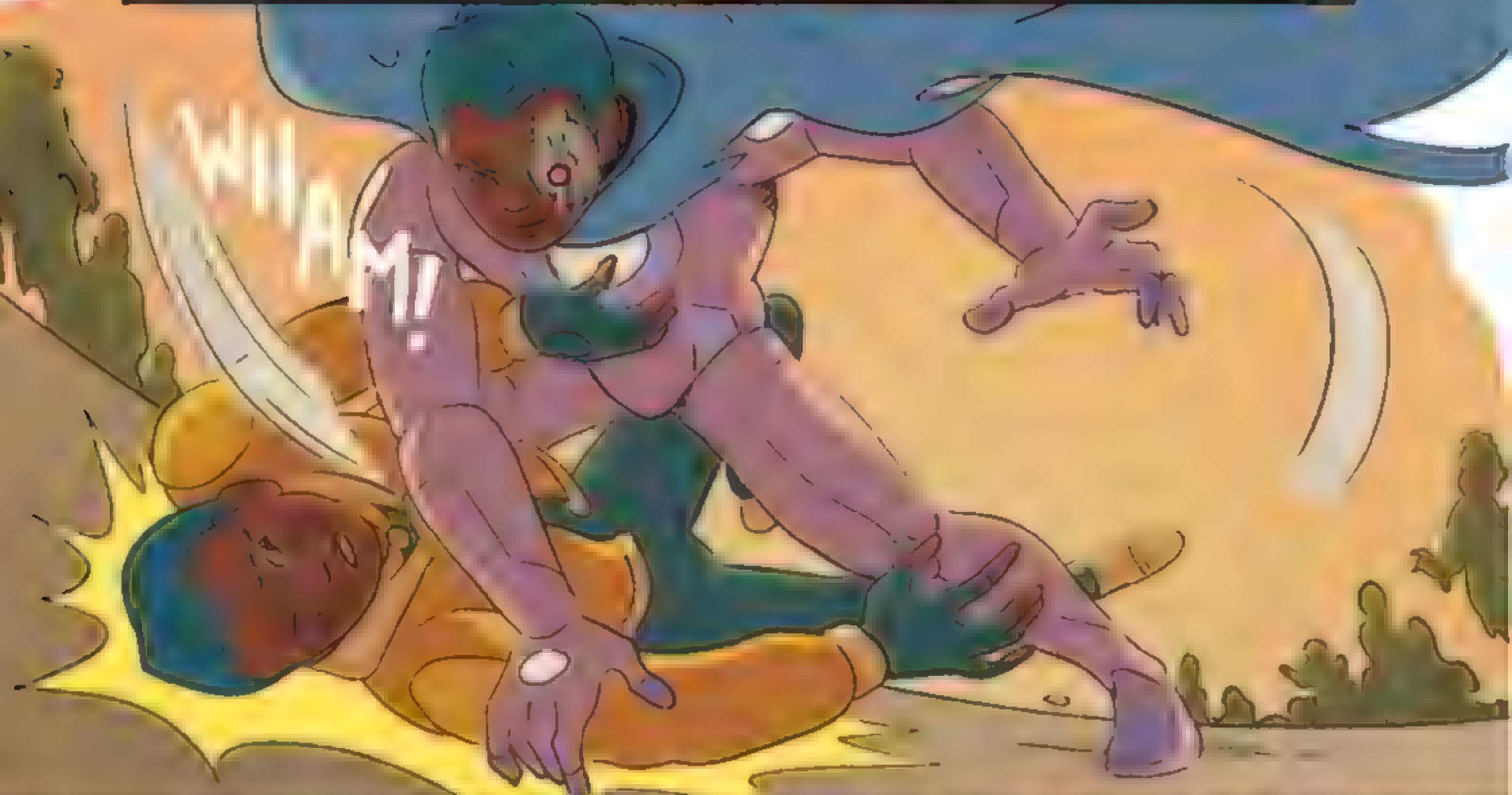
THIS TIME
ONLY ONE
OF US WILL
SURVIVE!



BAM!



WIIAM!





HERE ENDS THE
JAX AMBOY
EXPERIMENT.
WOULDN'T UNCLE
JEP BE SAD
NOW?

ACTUALLY,
HE'D BE QUITE
PROUD OF ME.

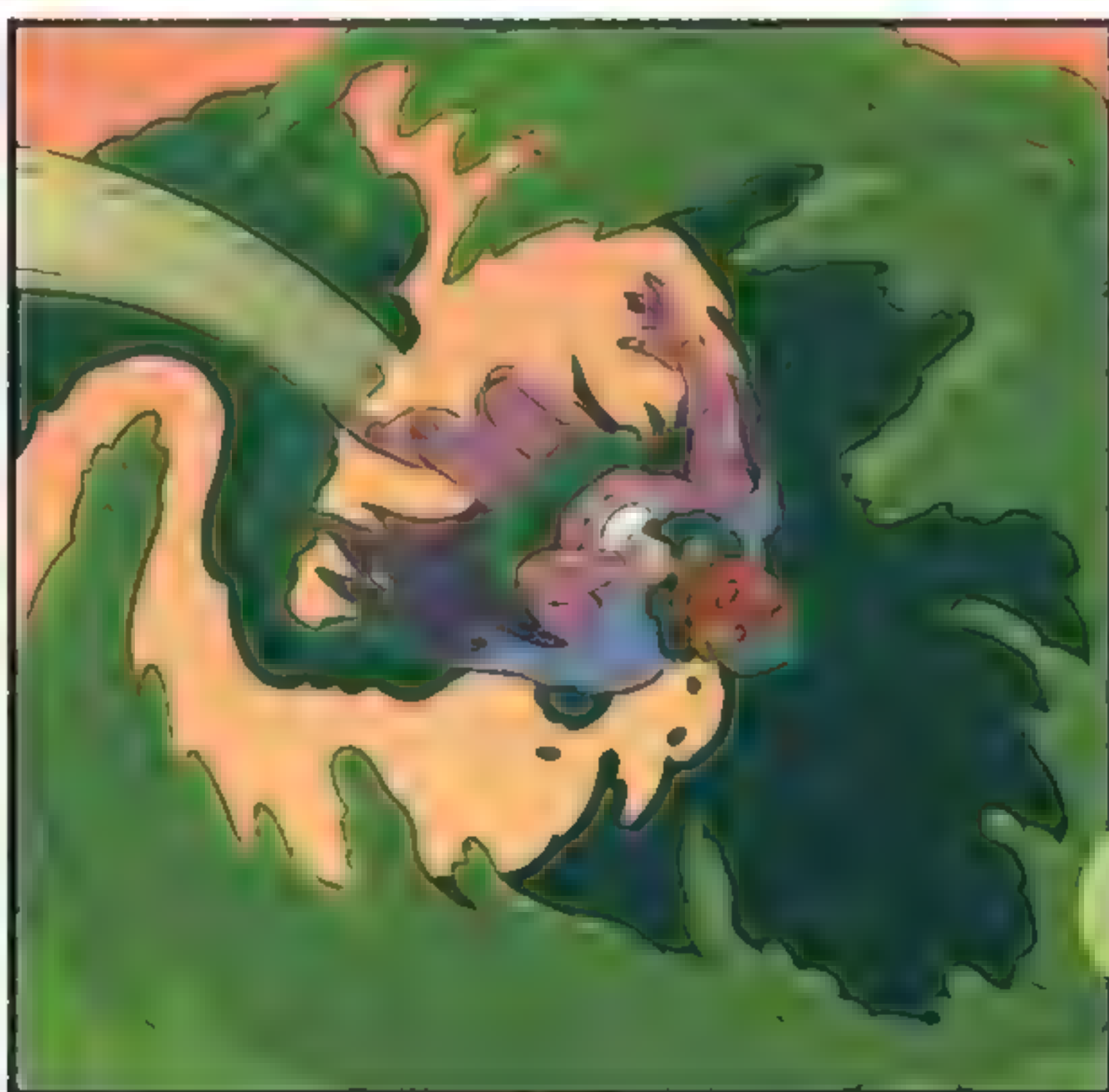
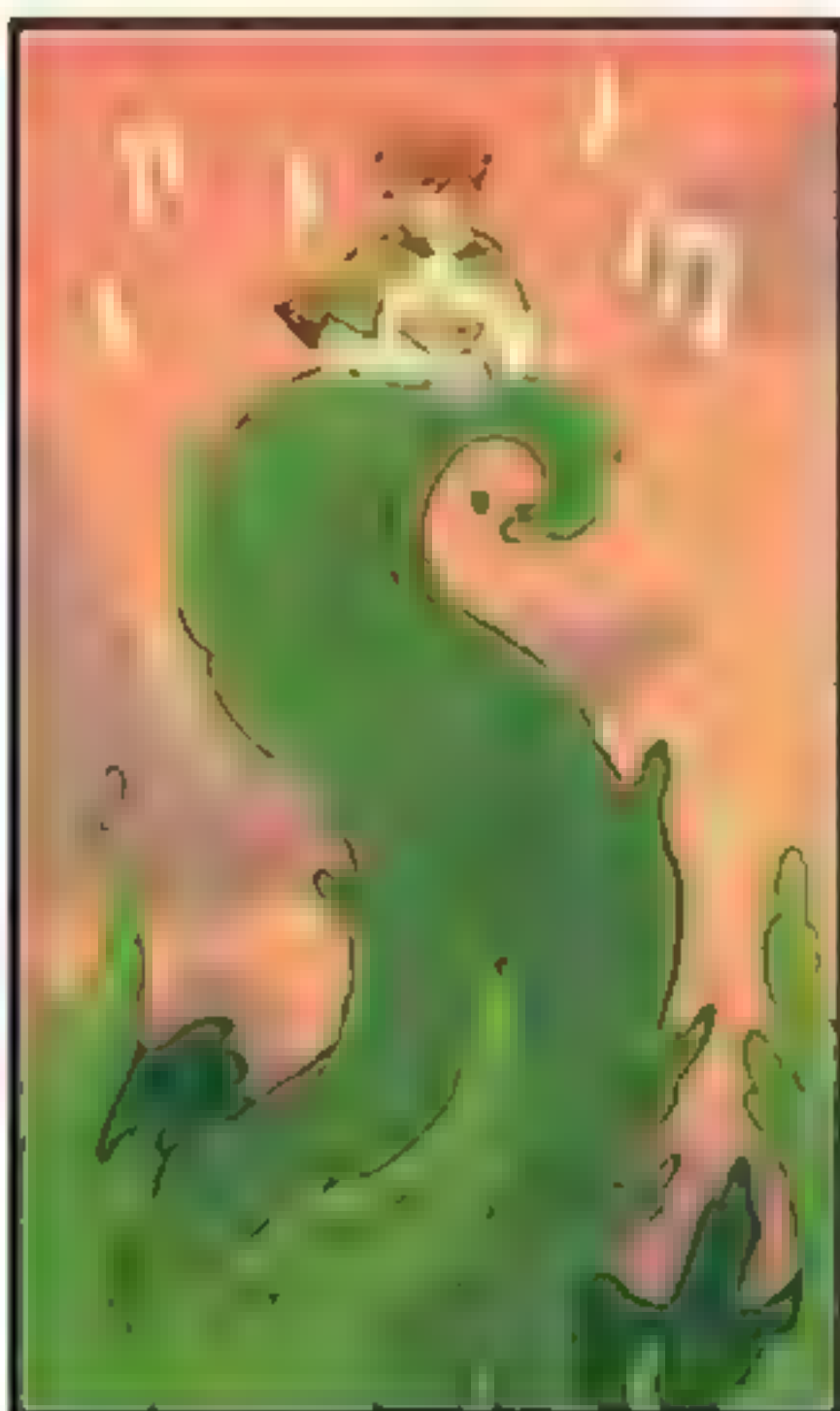
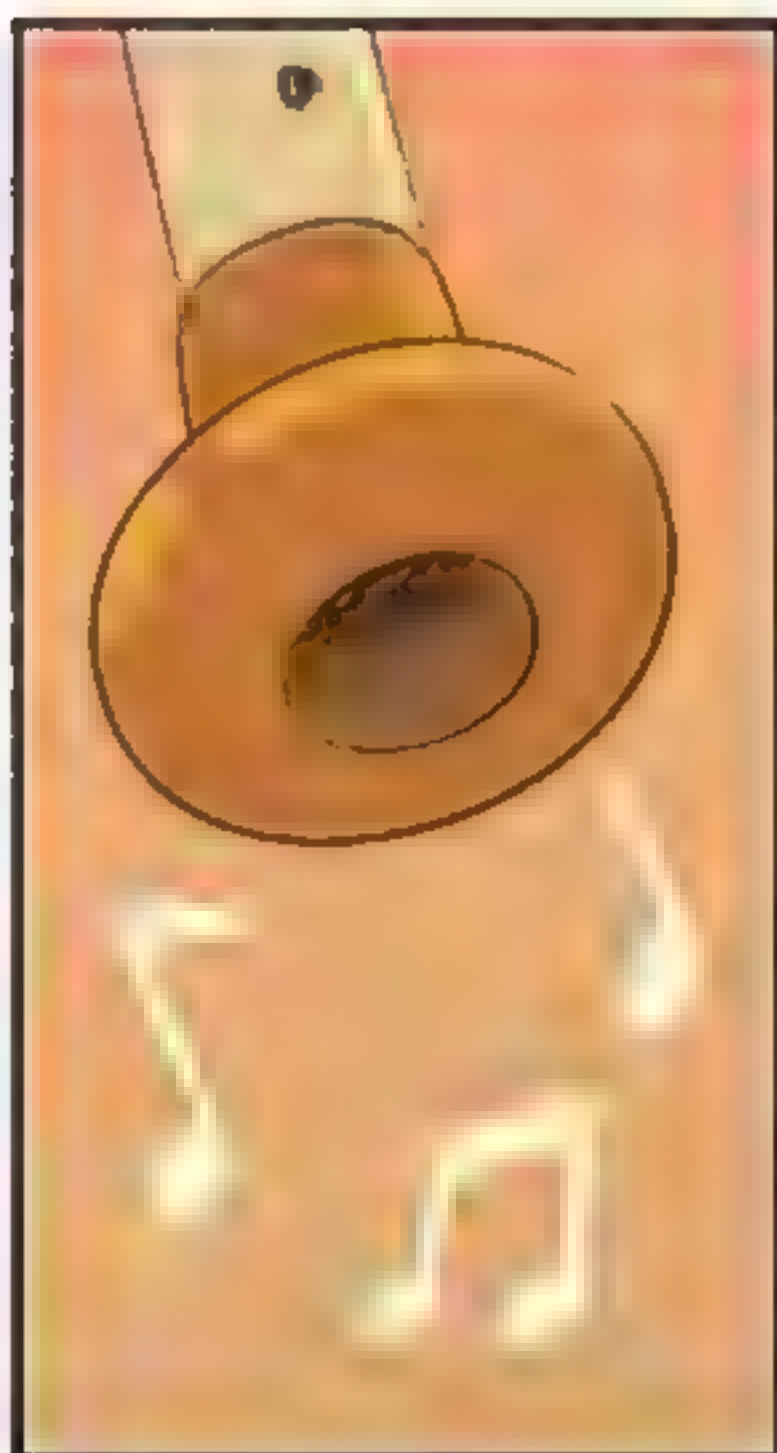


HUH? NO.
I'M FASTER,
STRONGER,
BETTER THAN
YOU IN EVERY
WAY.

EXCEPT
ONE.



I HAVE
SOME **REAL**
FRIENDS.



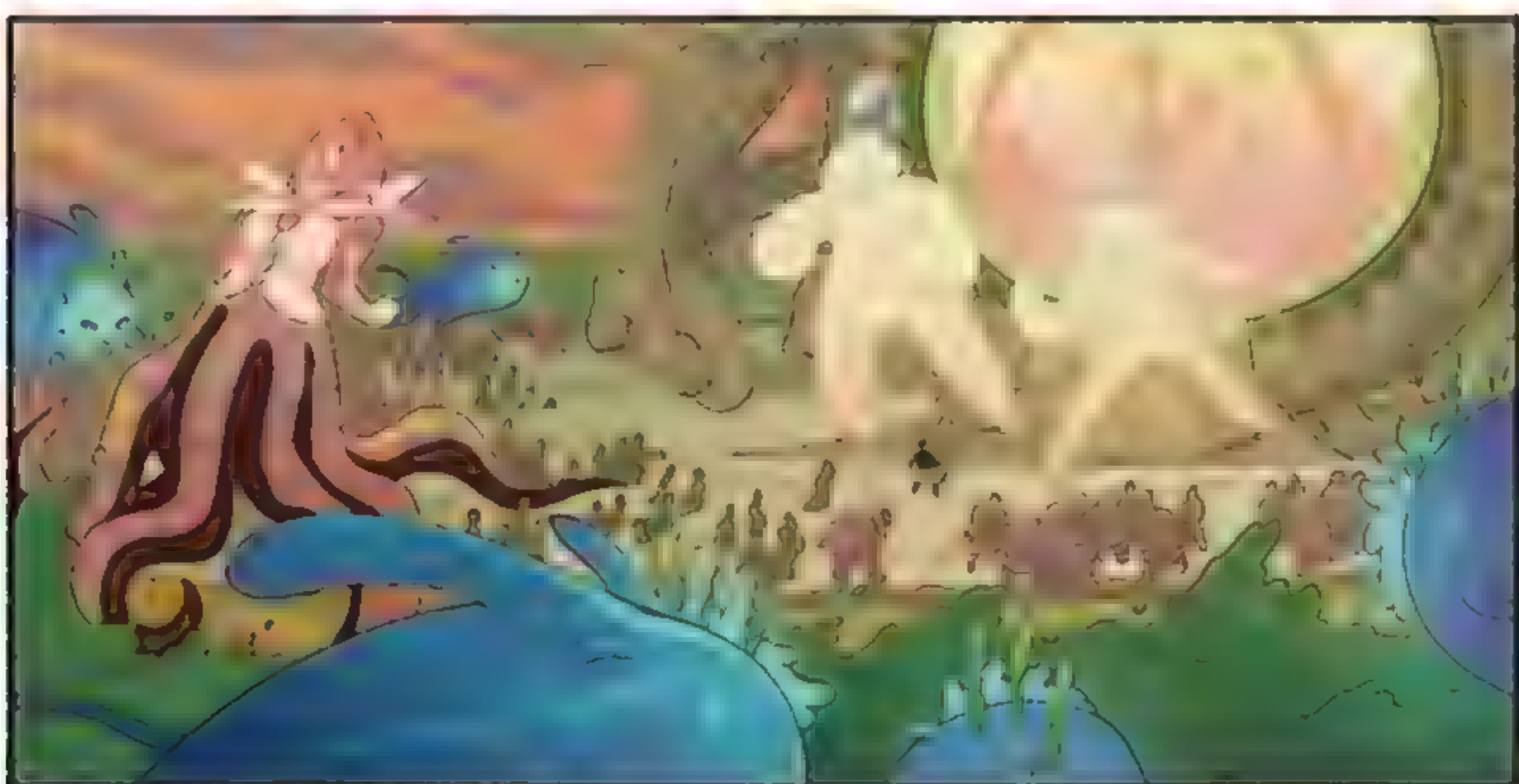
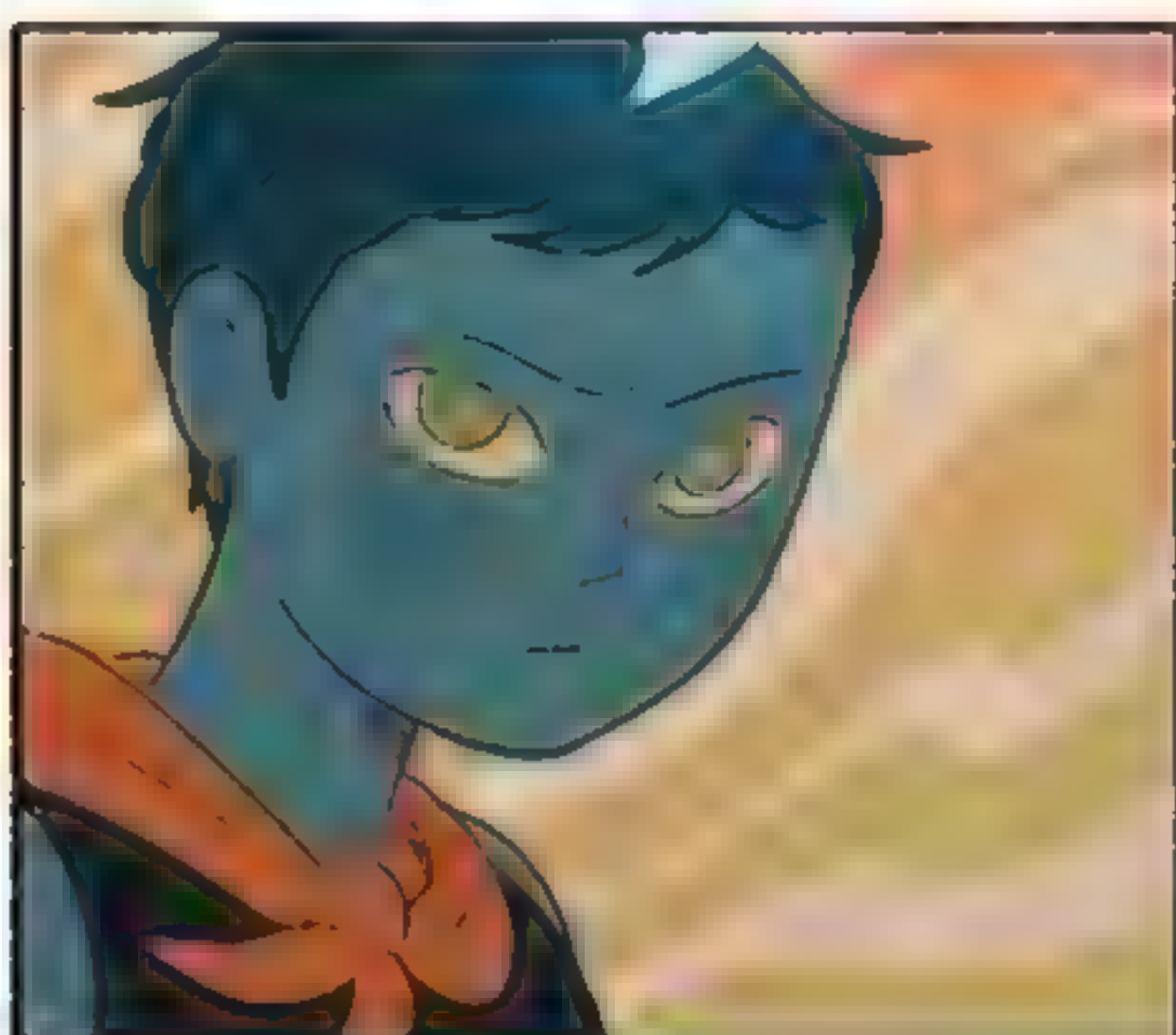
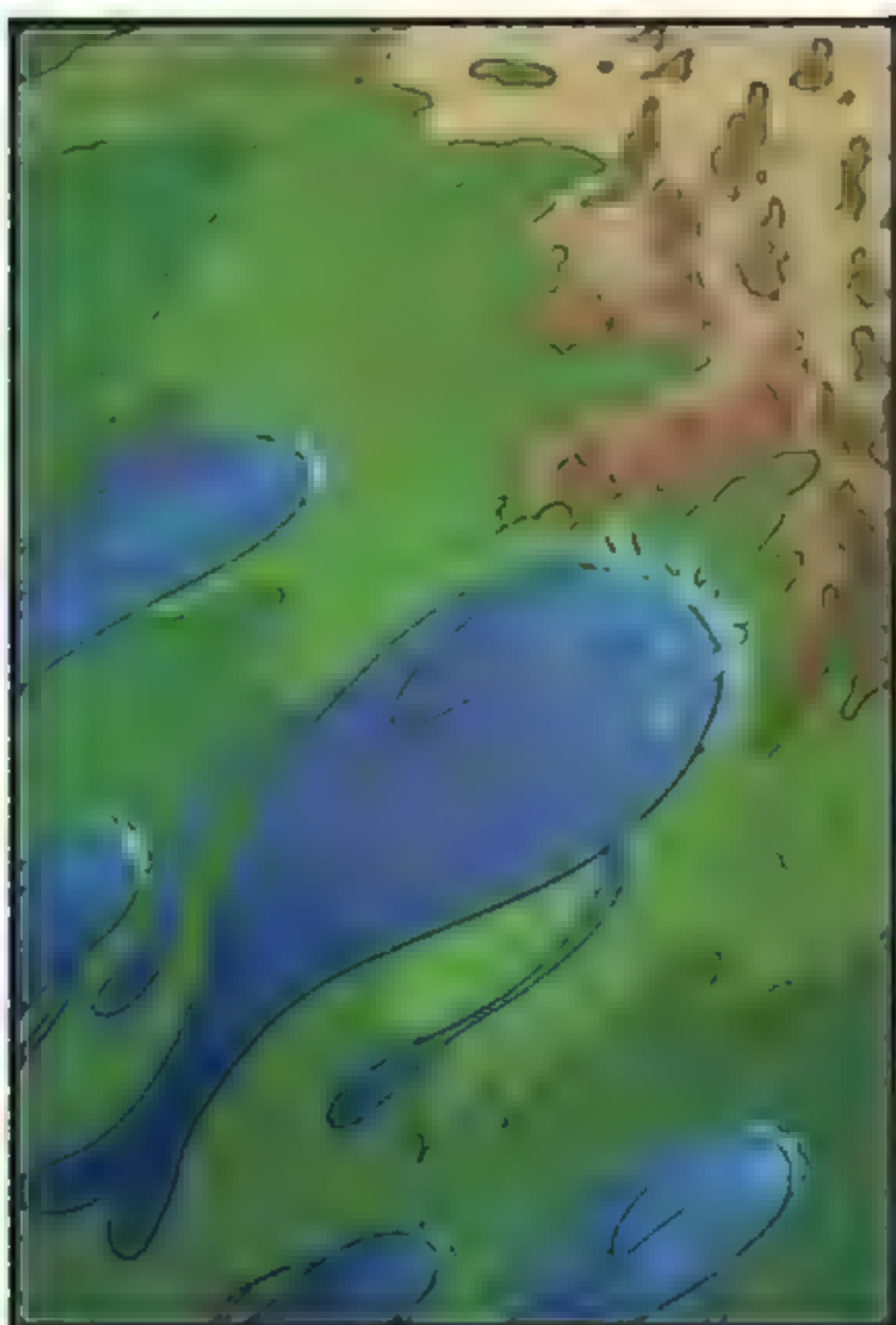
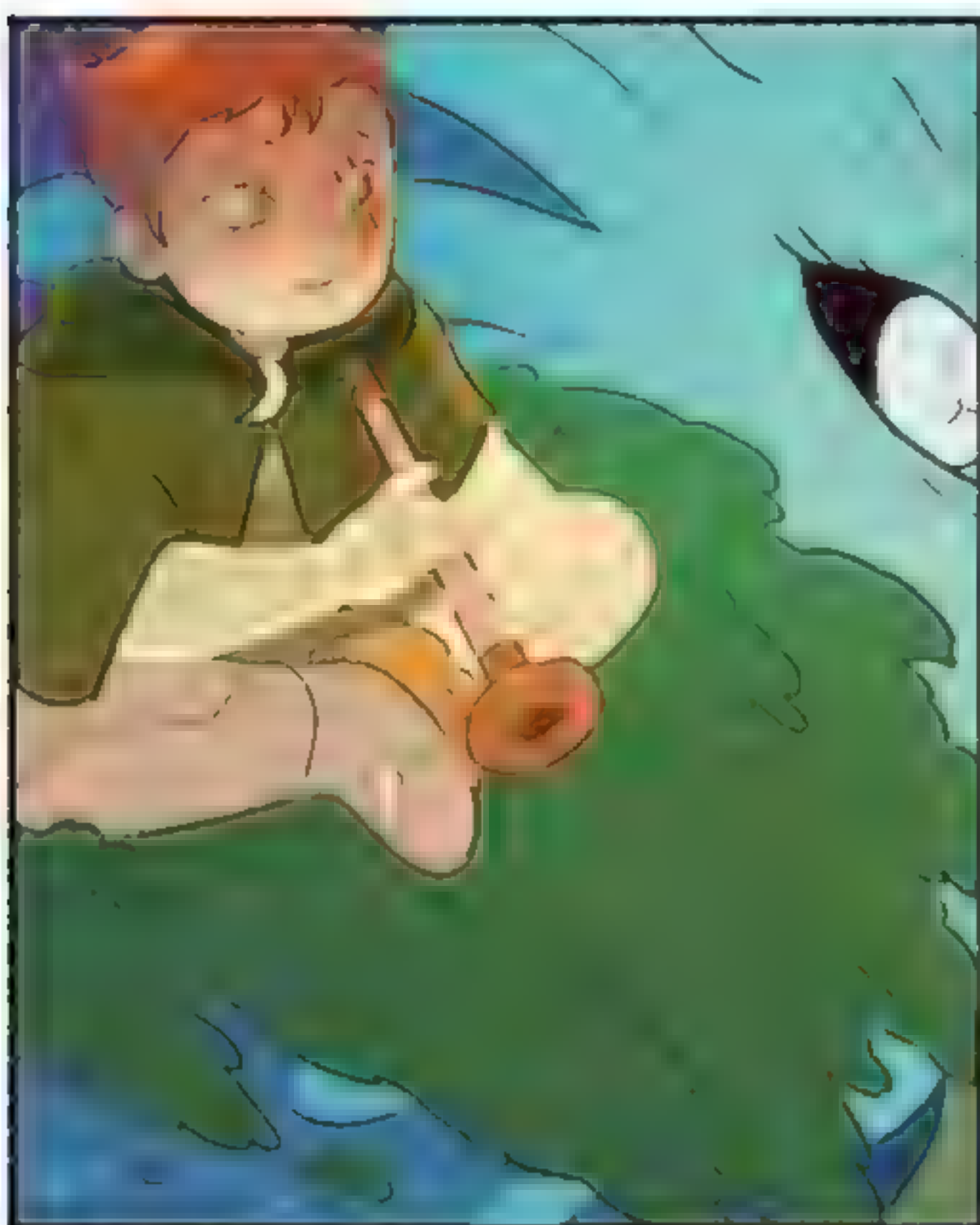


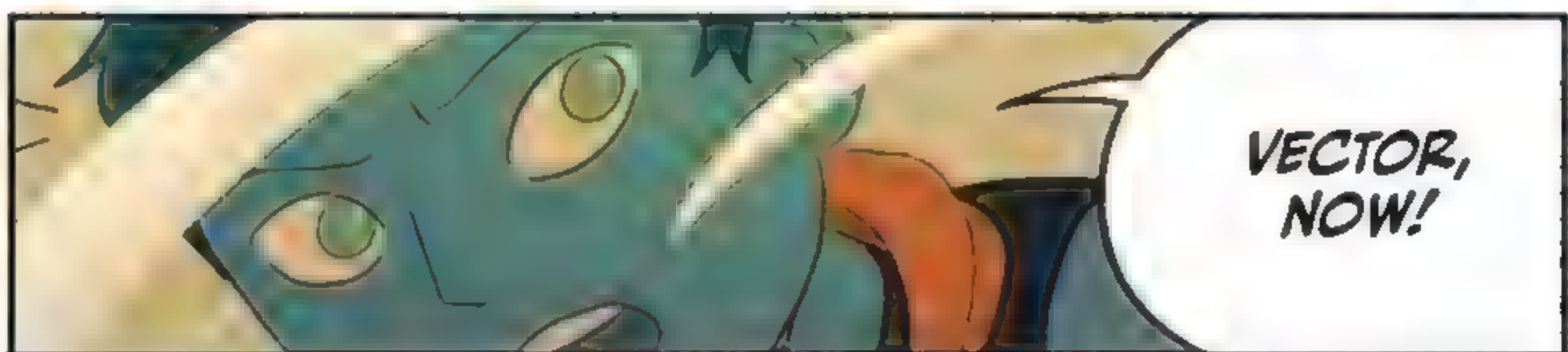


THE
GATEKEEPERS!!

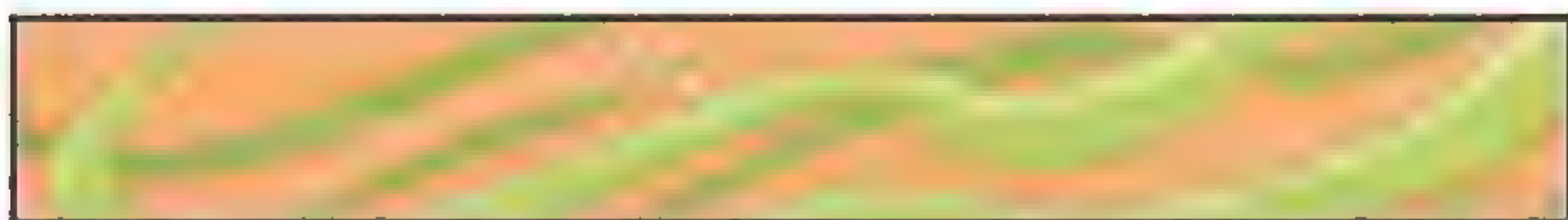
HOOOSH!!!

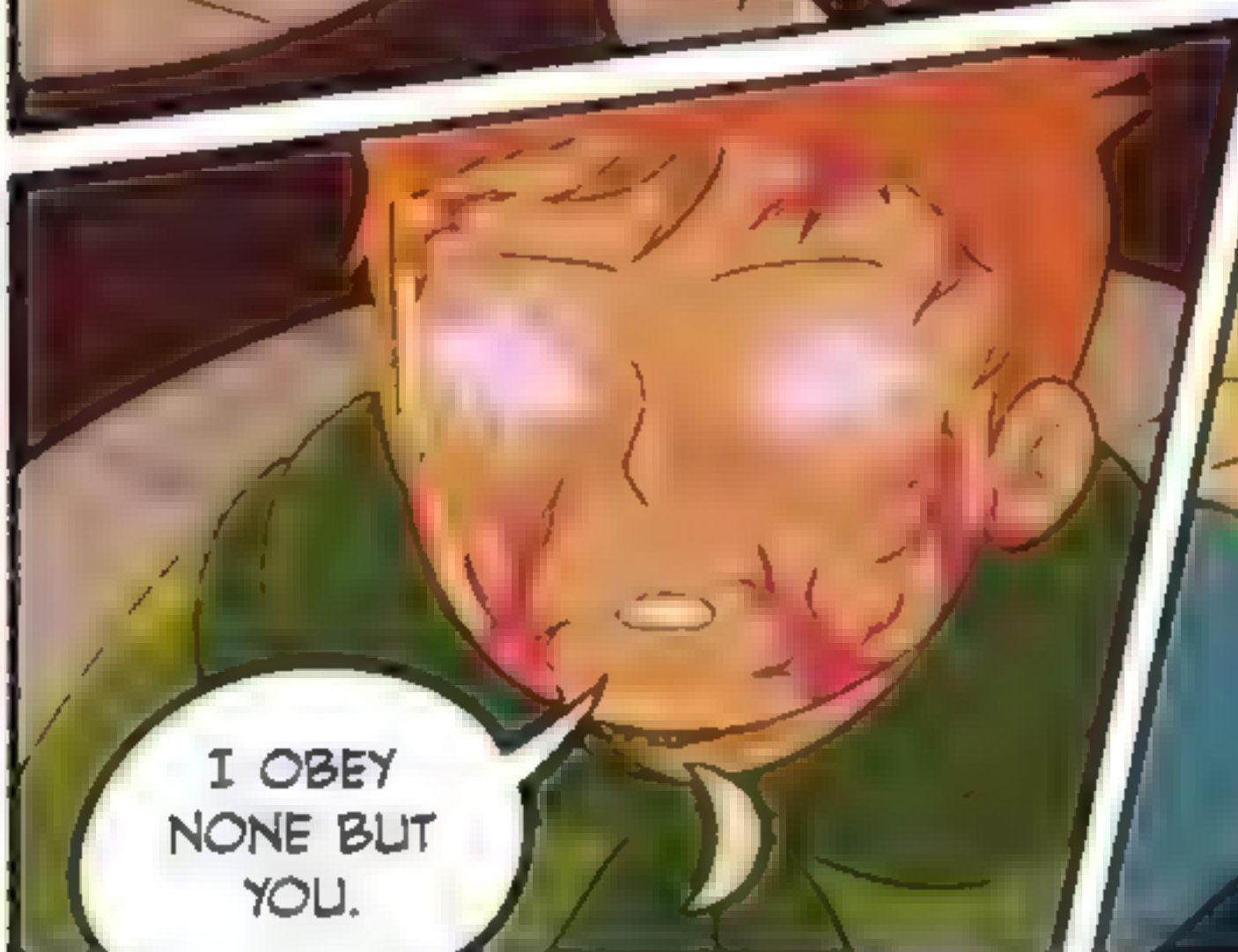
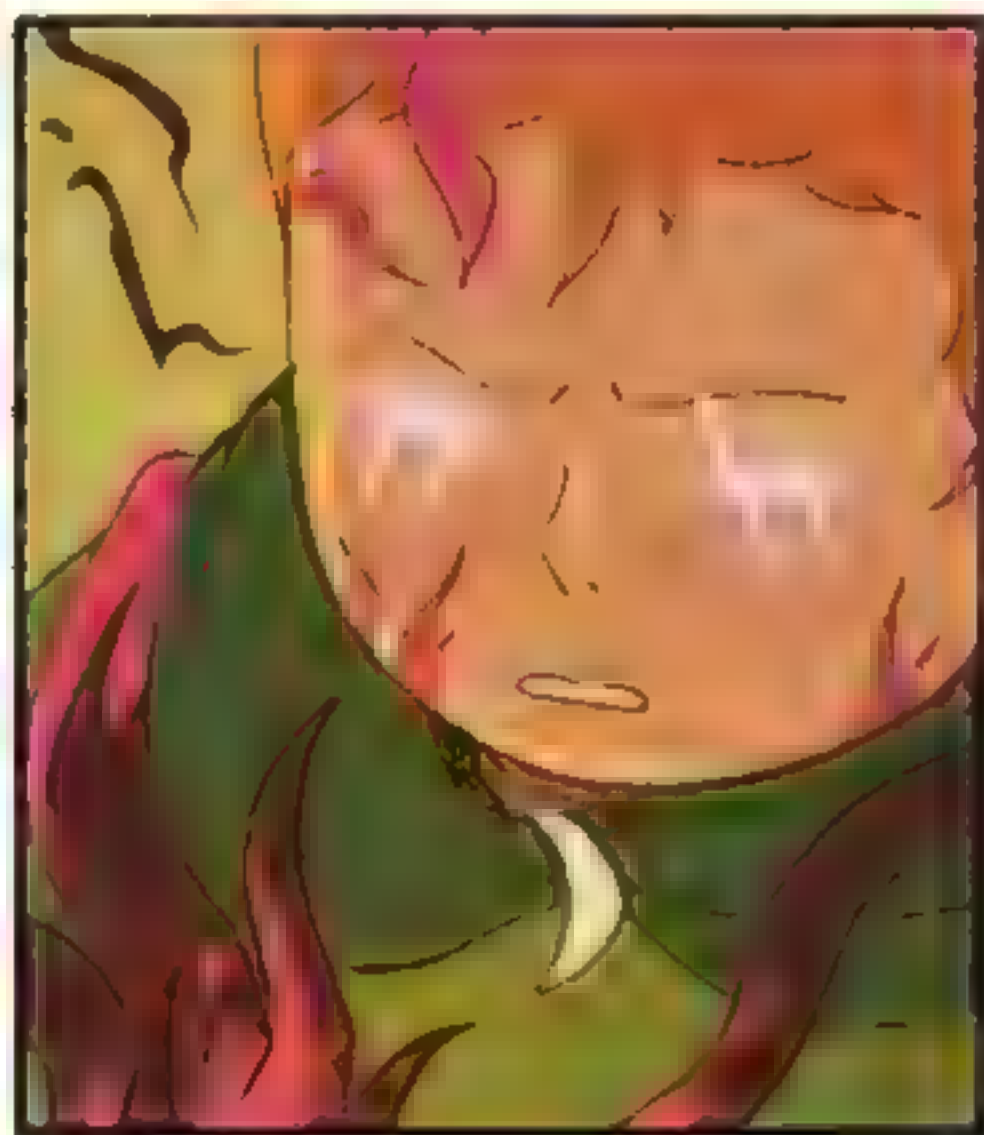
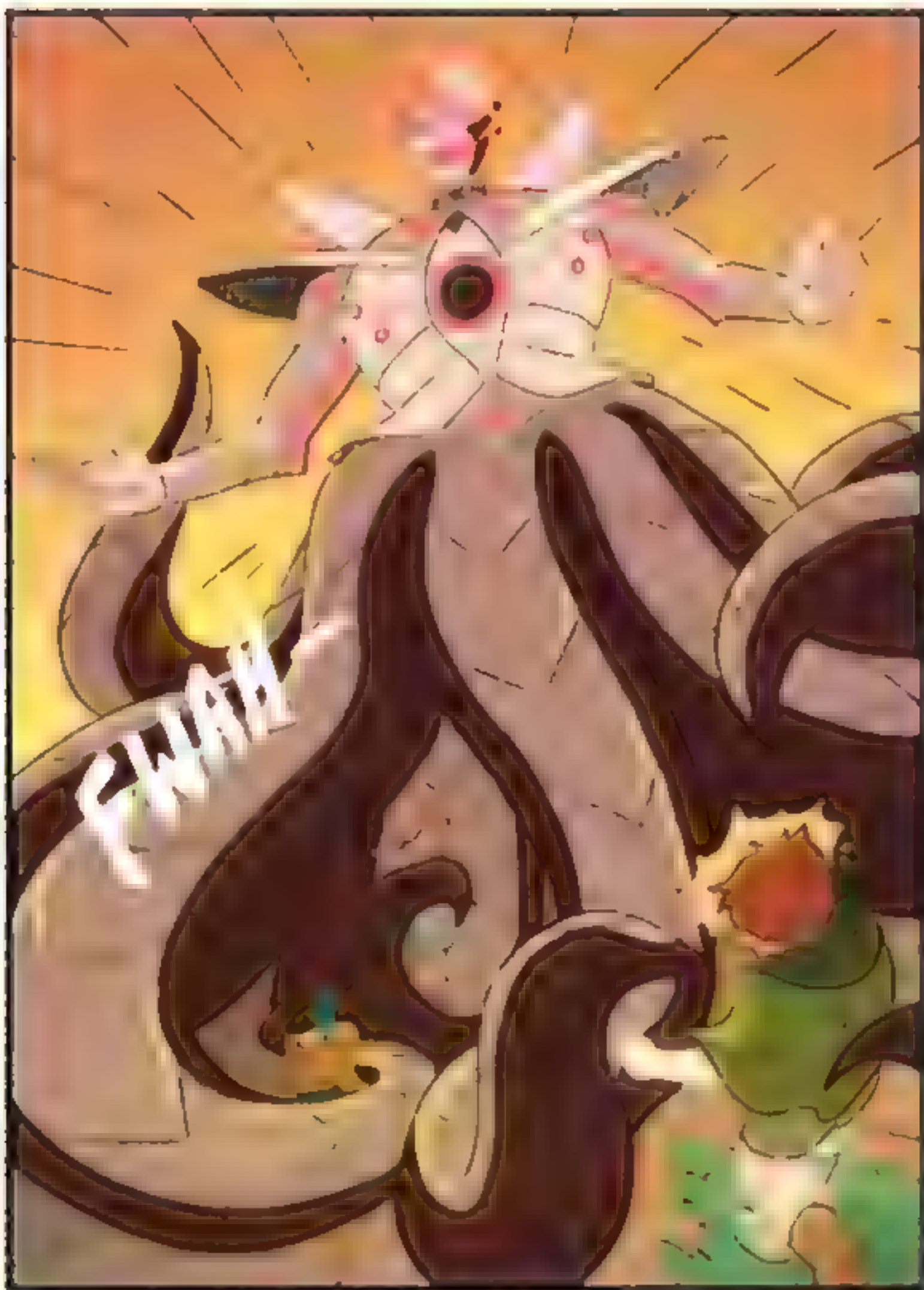
WE ARE
WITH YOU,
SAMPHIRE!

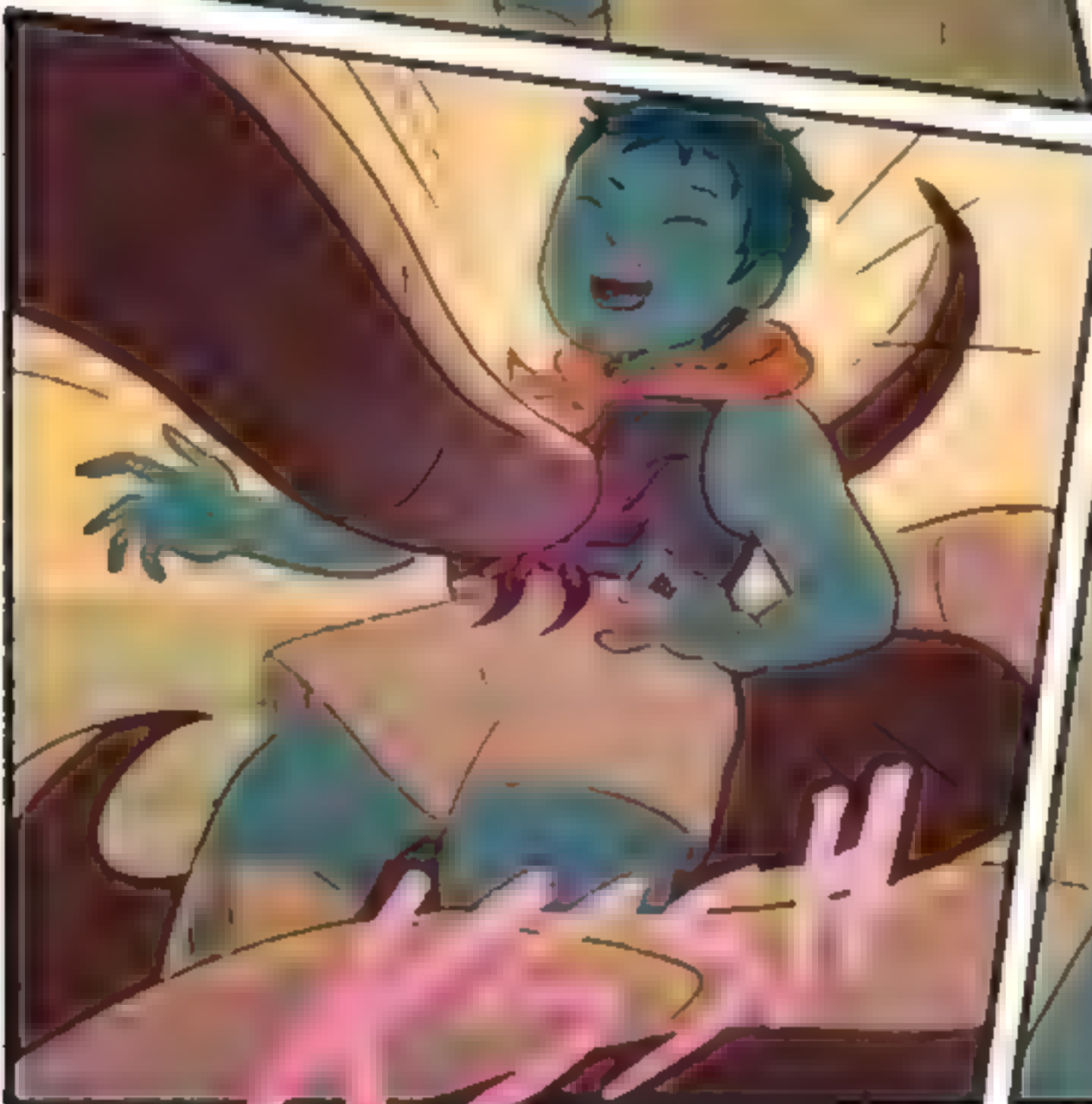
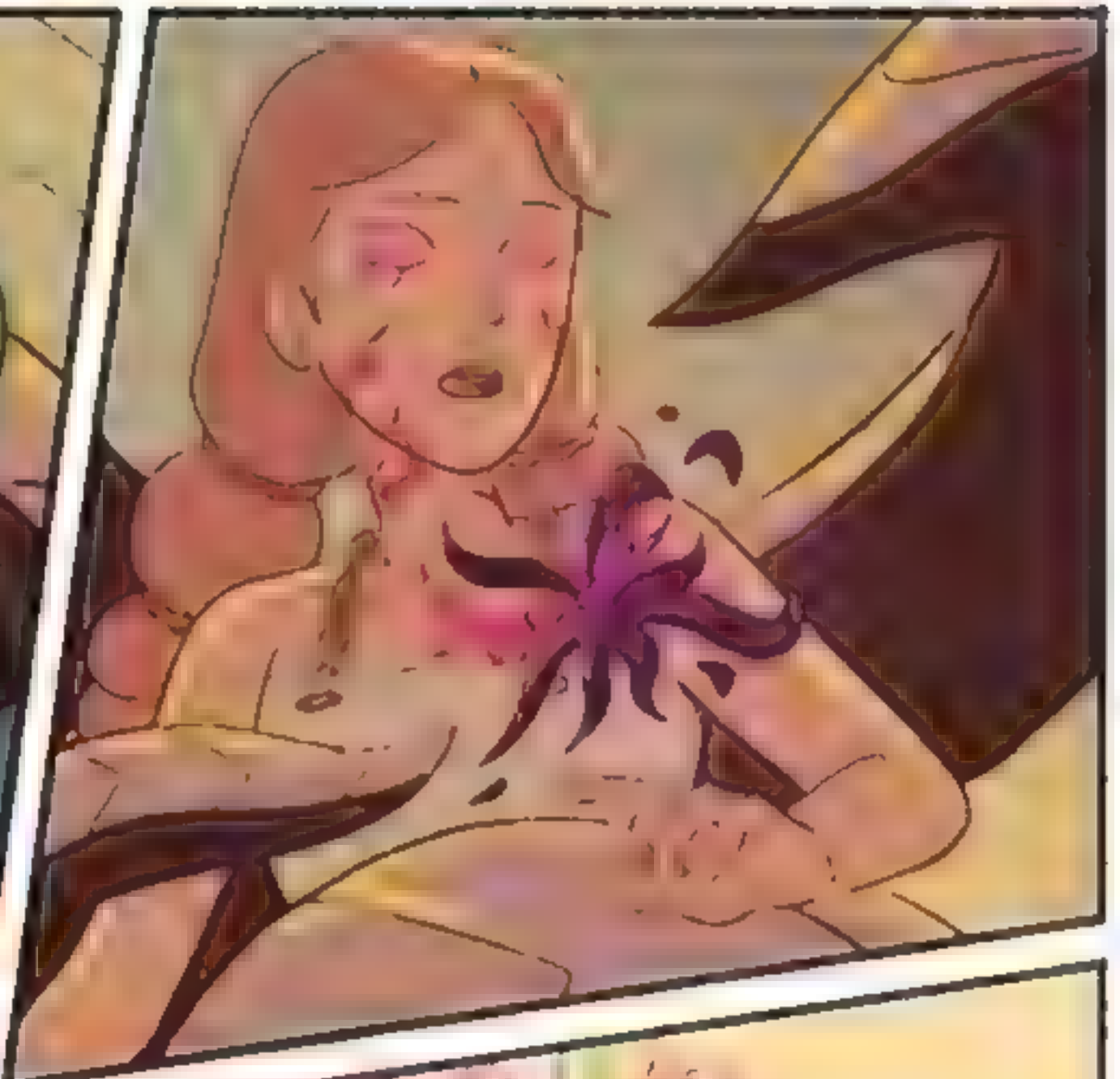
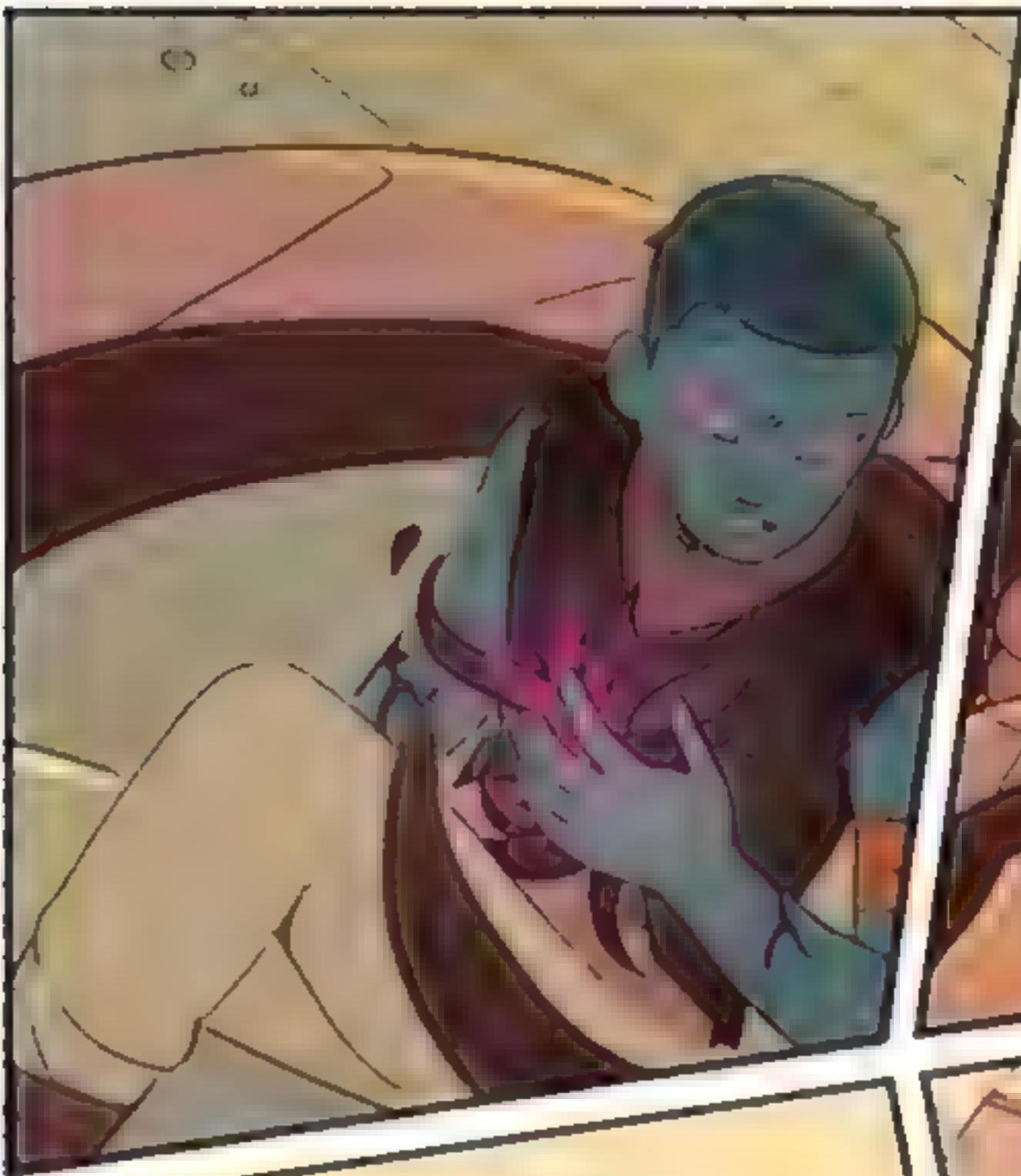




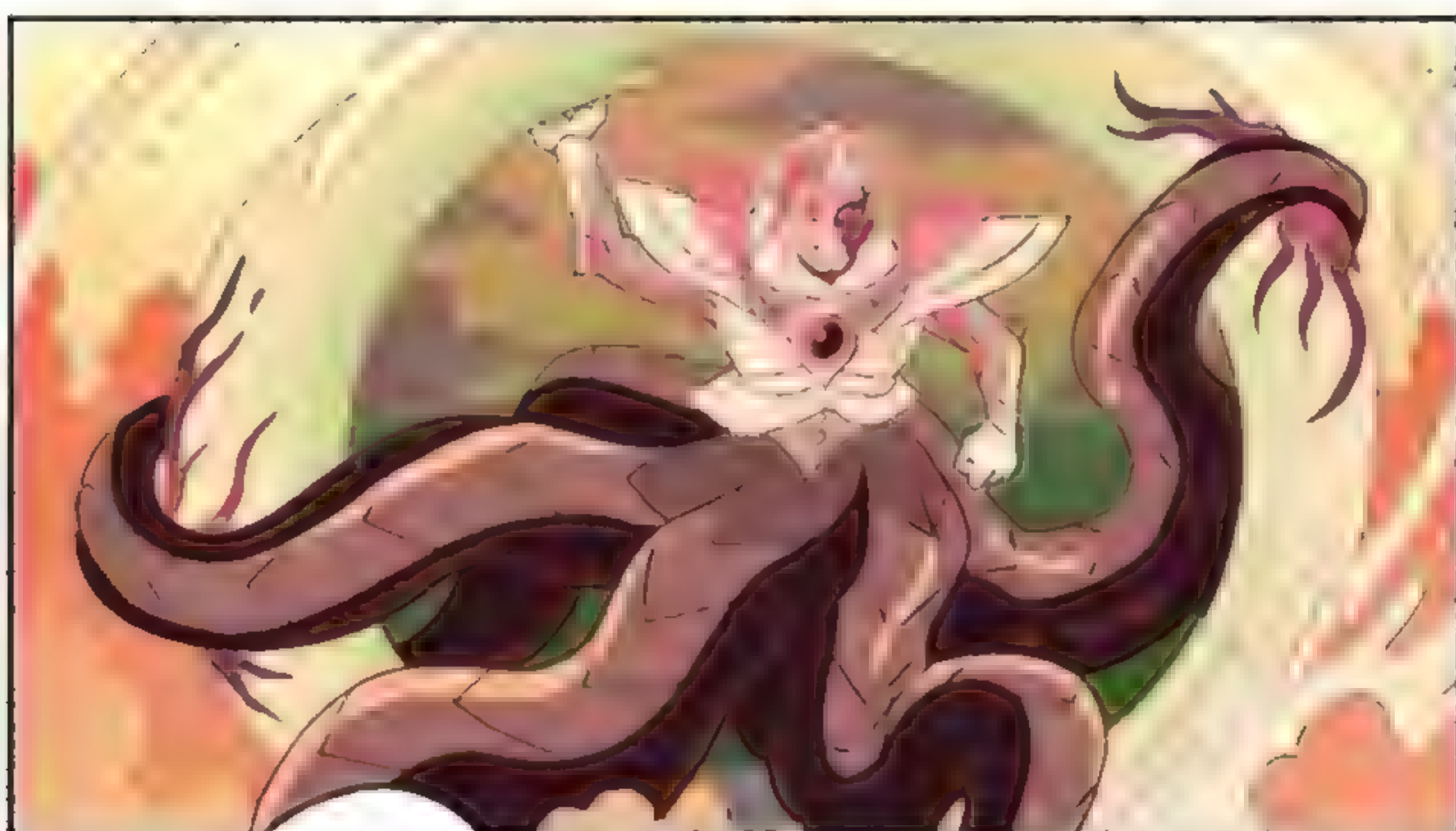








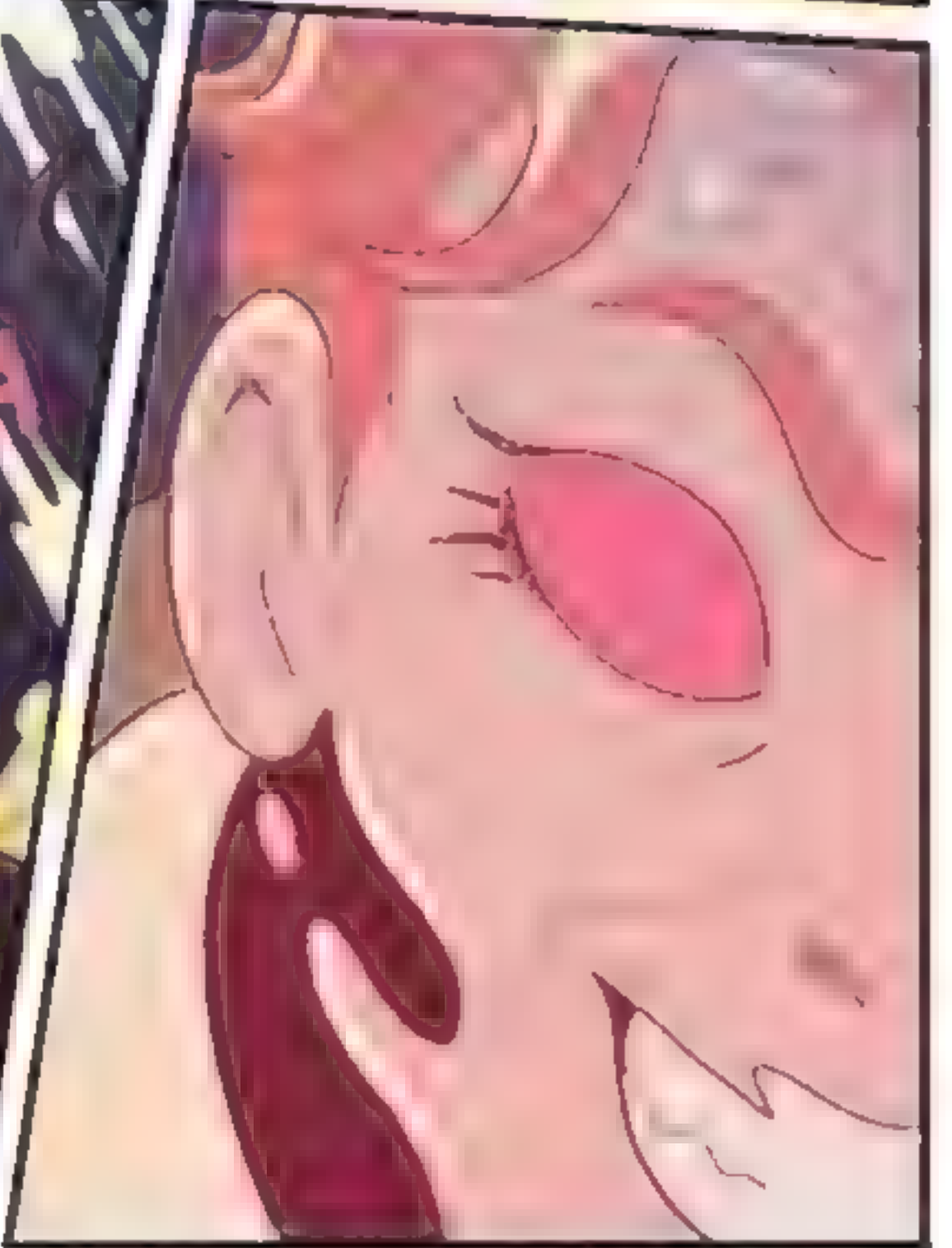
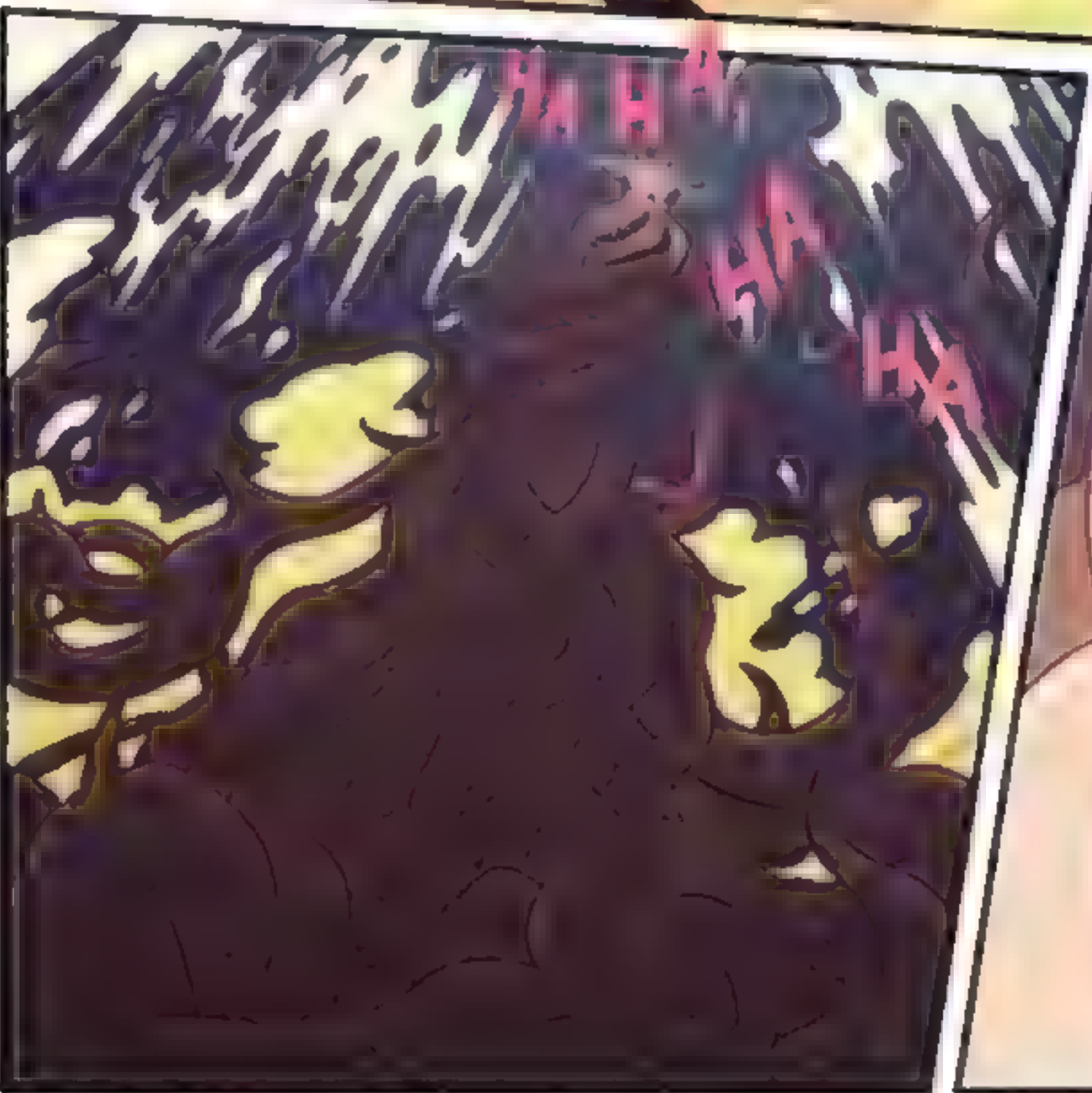




I'M HOME!

FREE OF MY
FIVE WORLD
PRISON!

IT'S TIME FOR
MY JAILERS
TO PAY.







A GOOD
START. NOW
THE WHOLE
UNIVERSE
IS NEXT!



NO.
I DON'T
THINK SO.

?!



HUH?

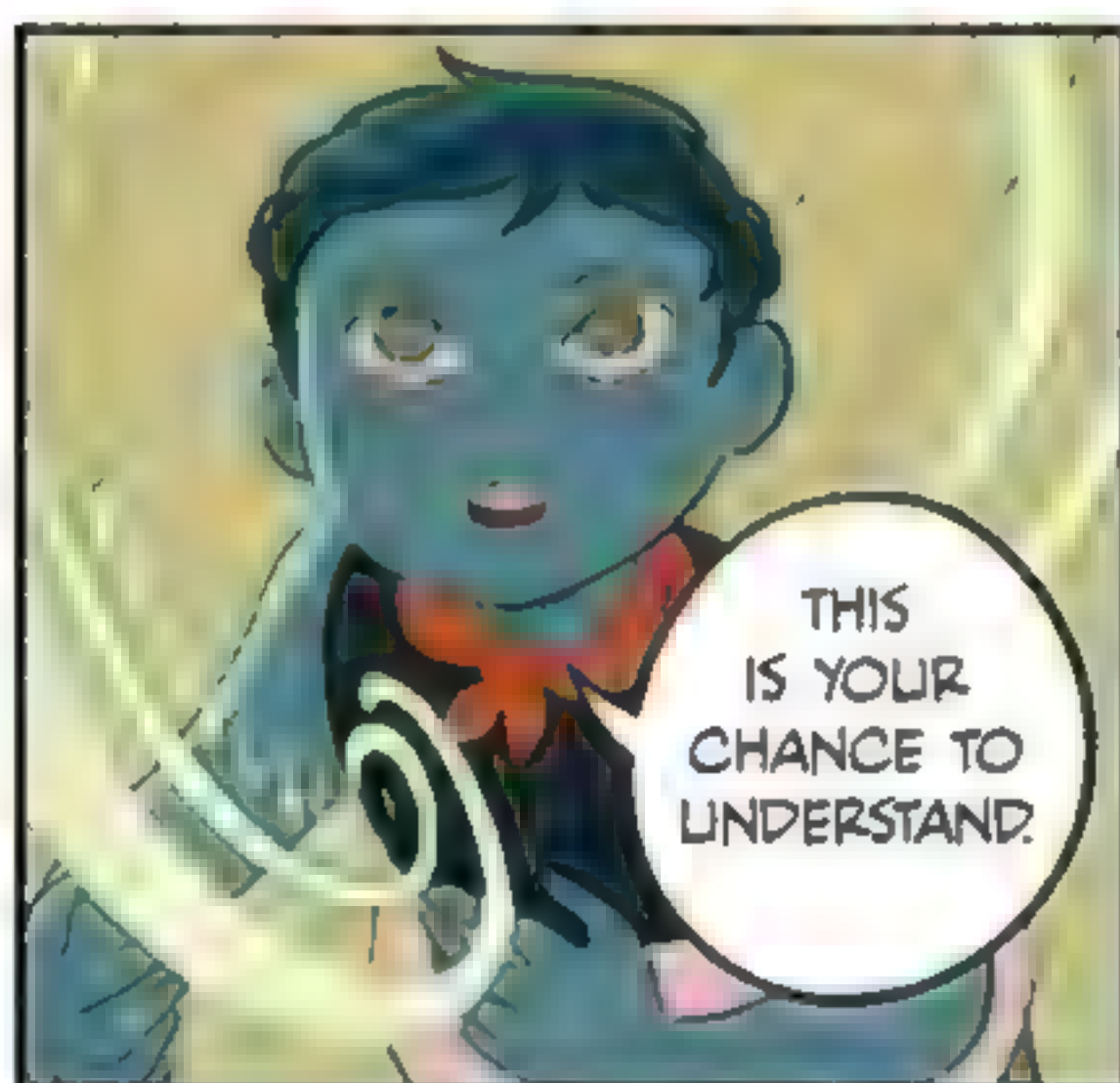


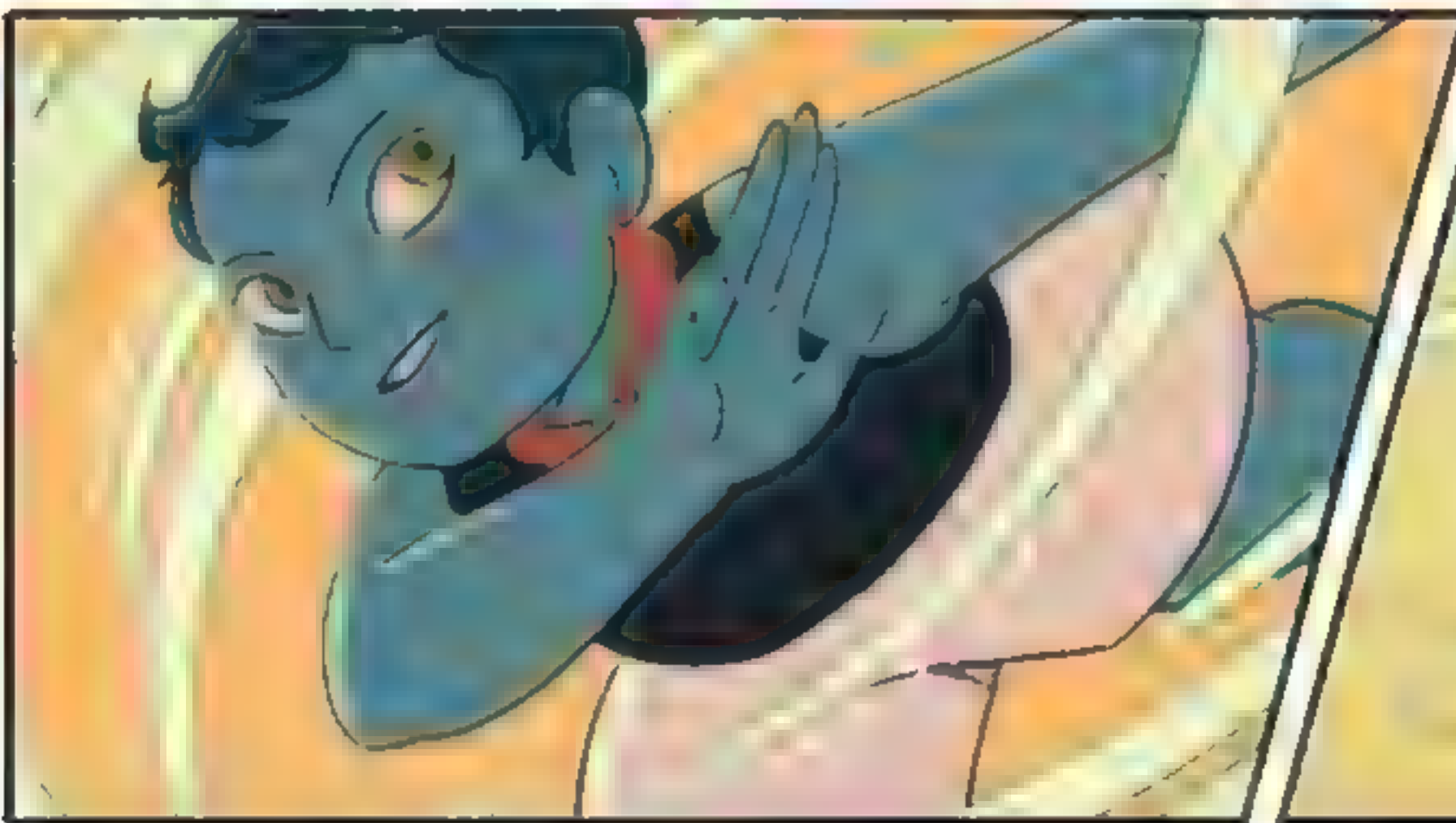
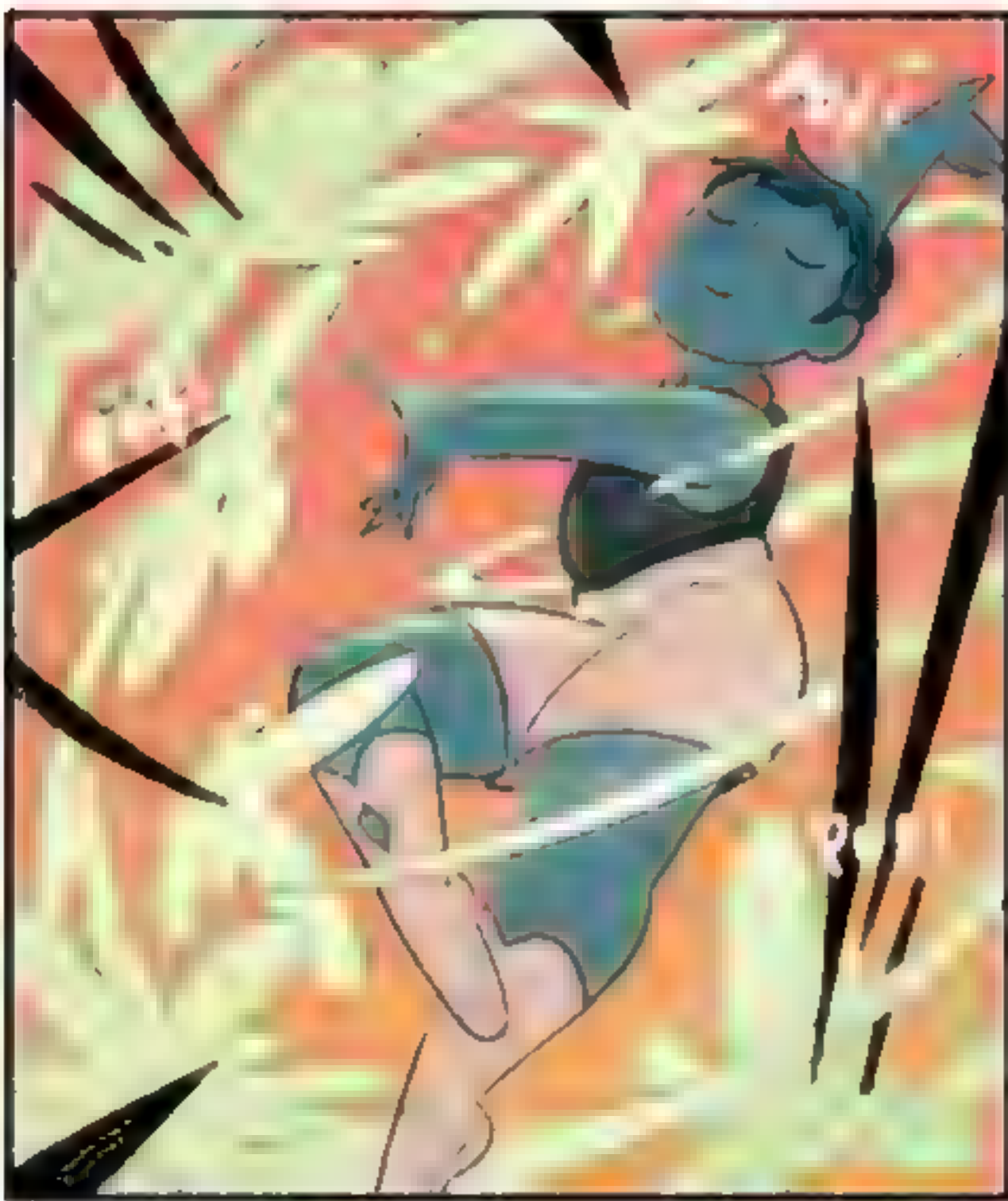
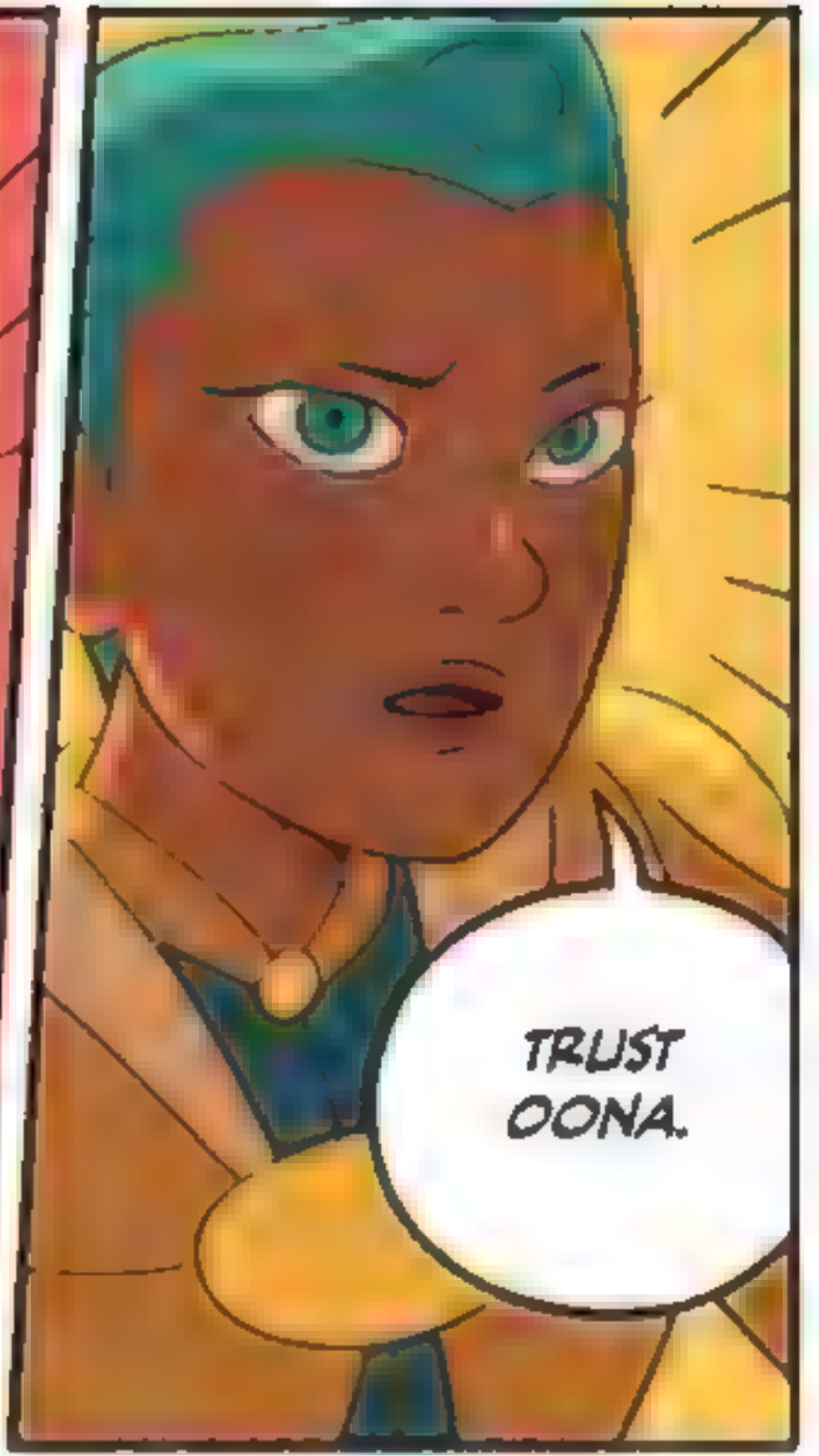
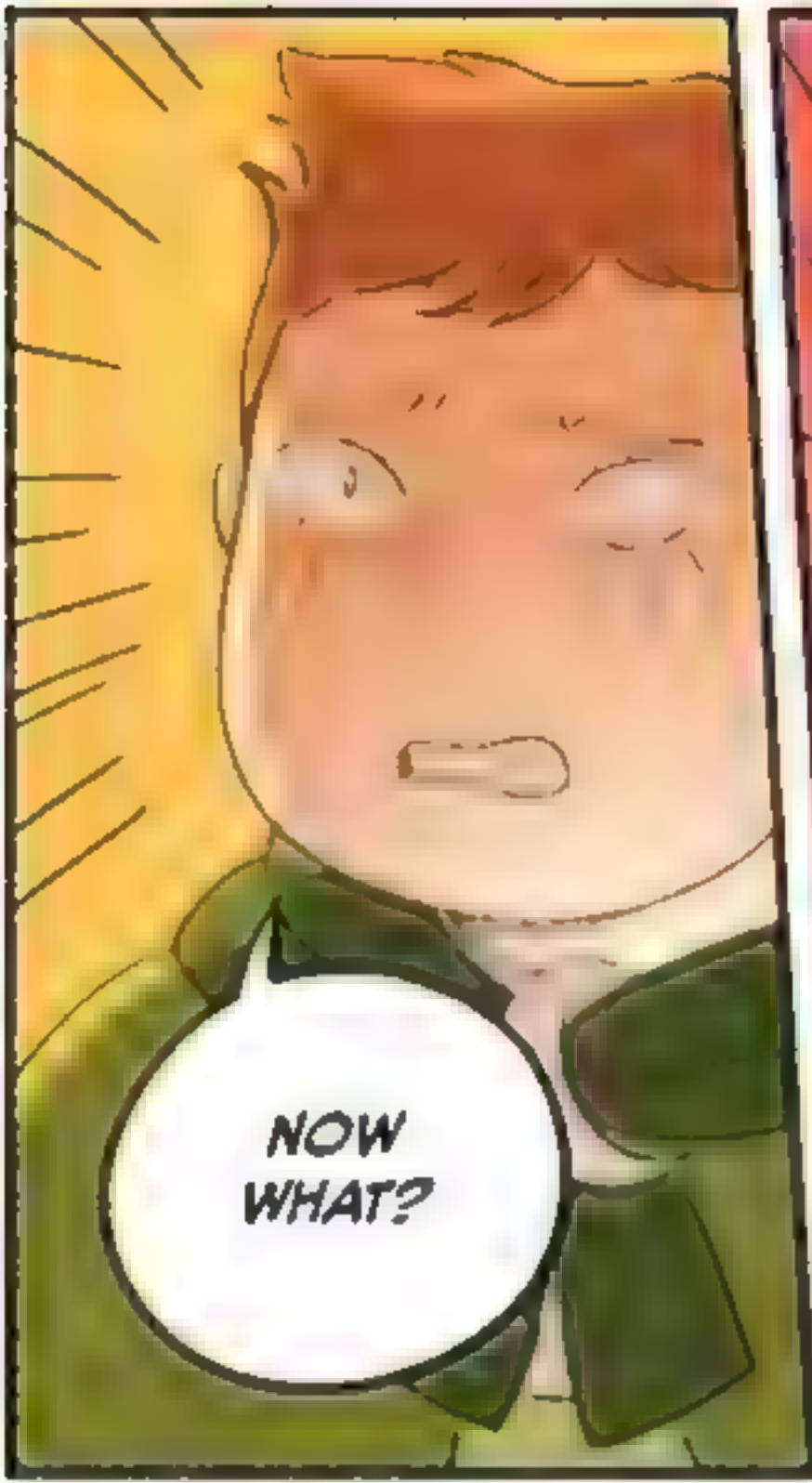
WHO SAID
THAT?!





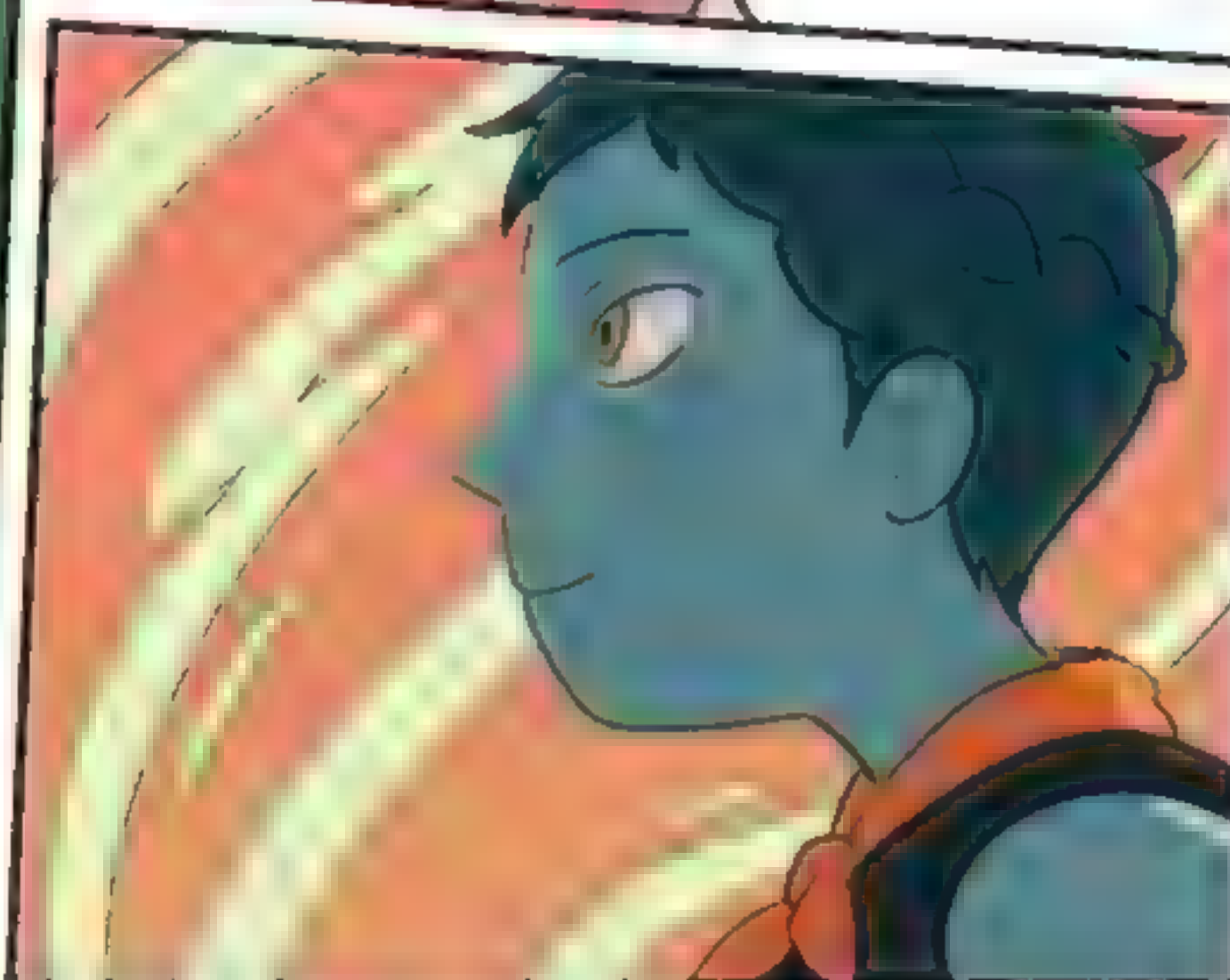








YOU ARE
NO MATCH
FOR ME!
YOU CAN'T
DESTROY
ME!



YOU ARE RIGHT.
YOU CAN'T BE
DESTROYED.

YOU HAVE
A PLACE IN
LIFE.



BUT IT'S
A SMALL
PLACE.

?!













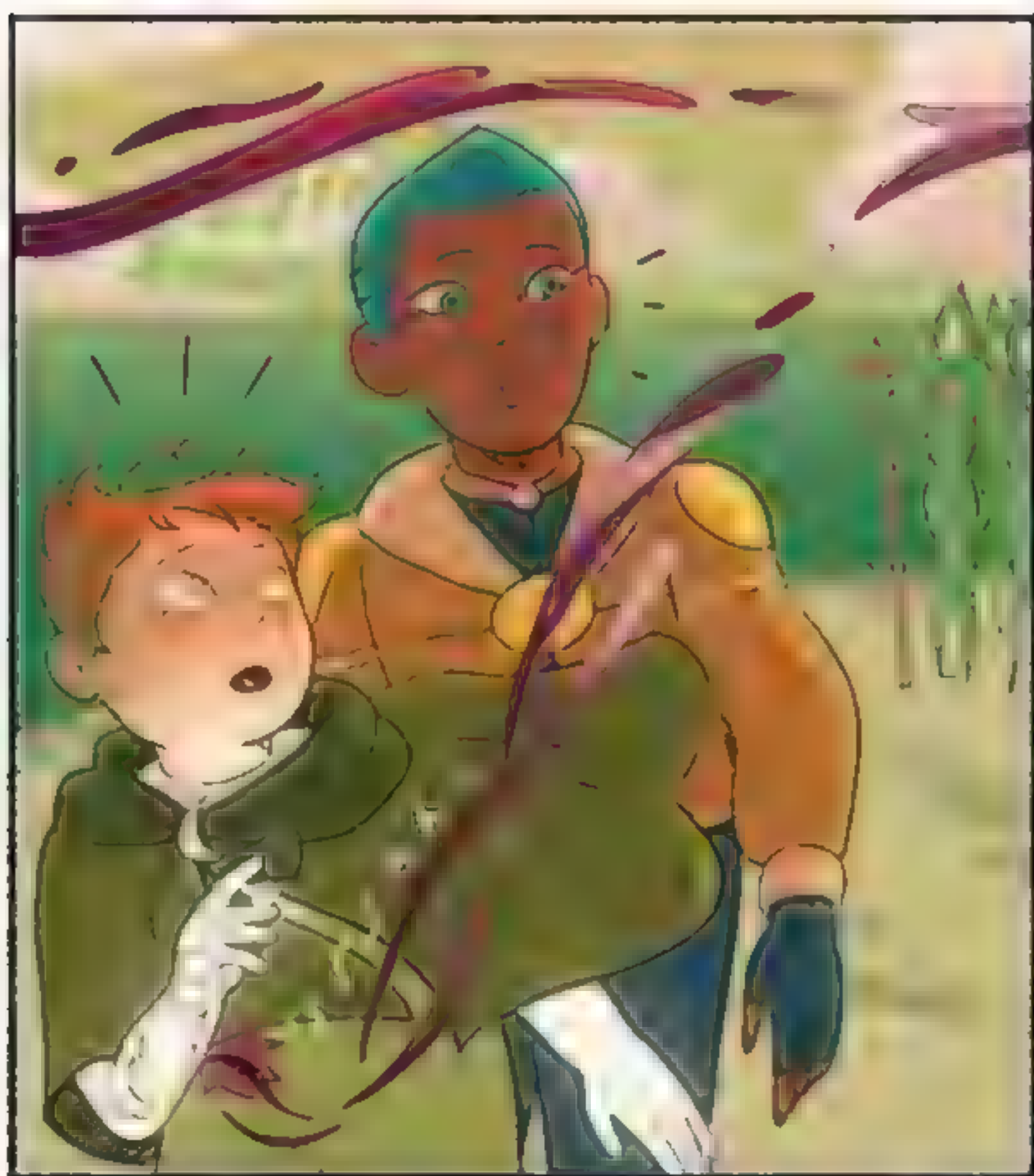
I SERVE THE
LIVING UNIVERSE.
THERE IS NO
CONTEST.

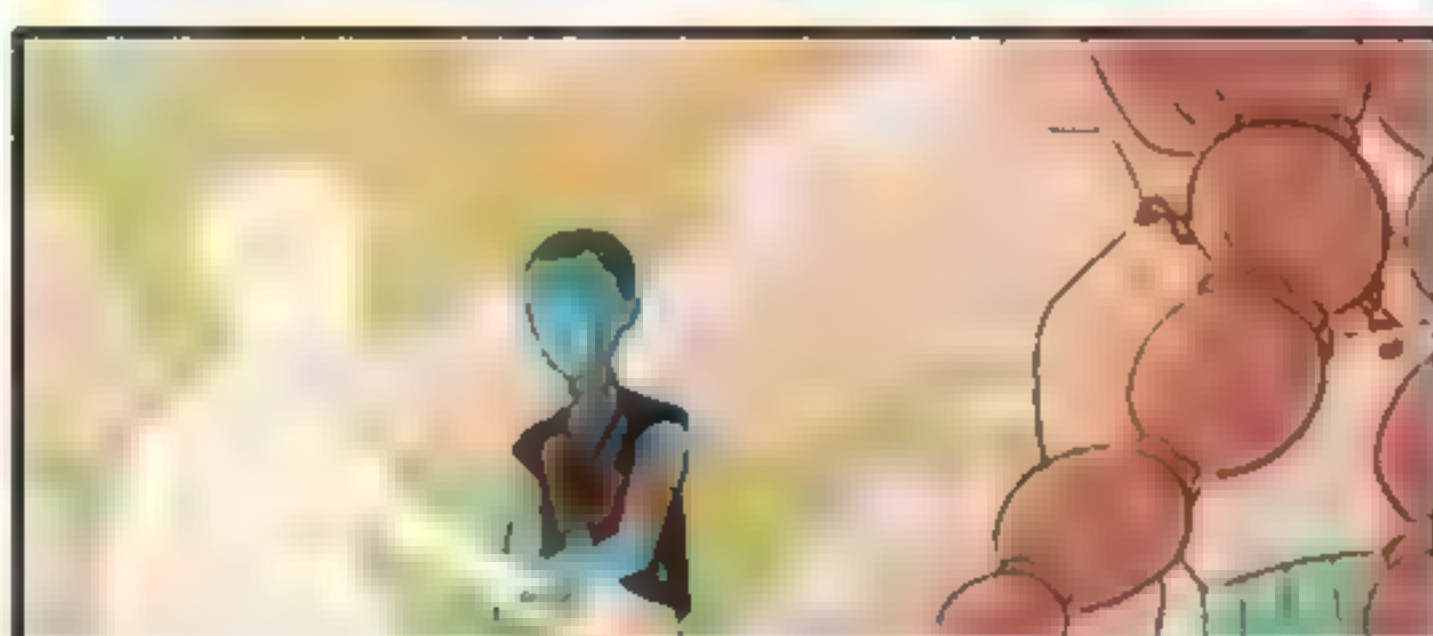
THERE
NEVER
WAS.

YOU ARE
NO LONGER
CALLED
MIMIC.

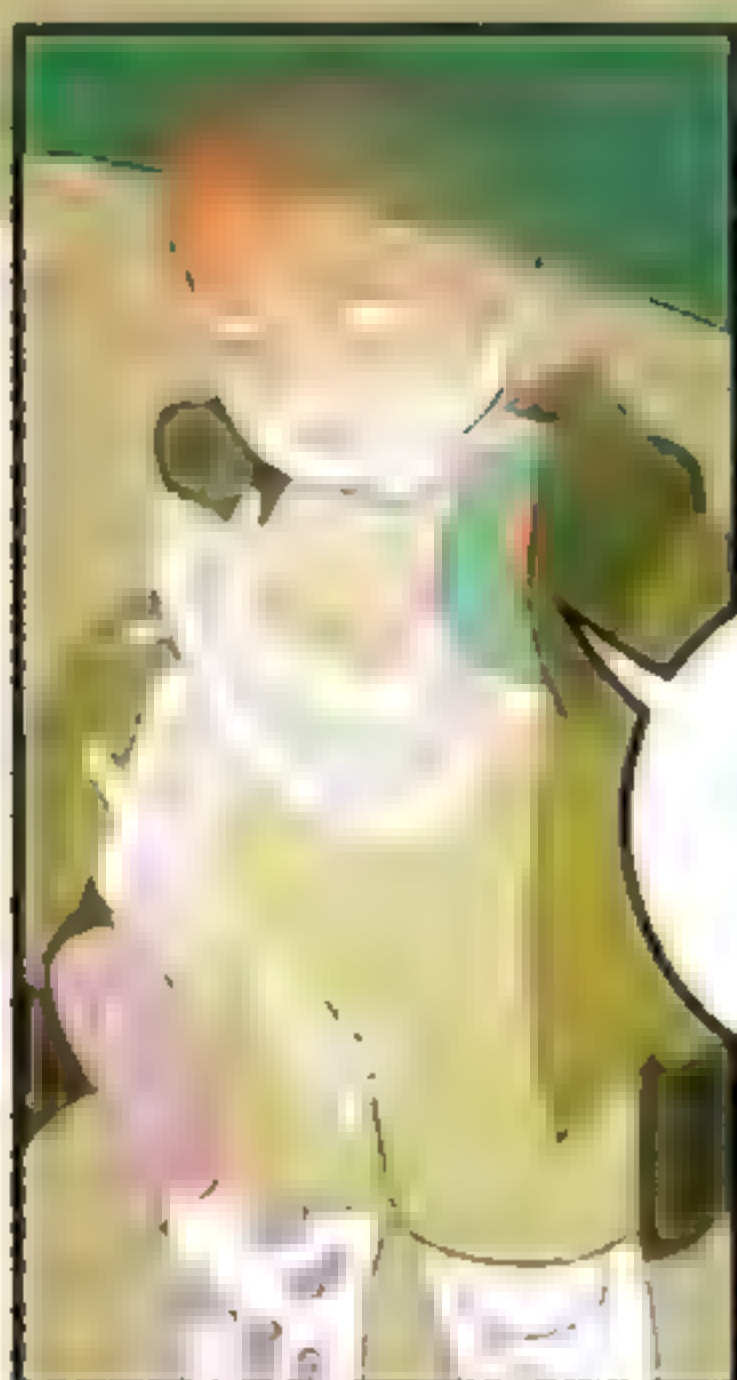
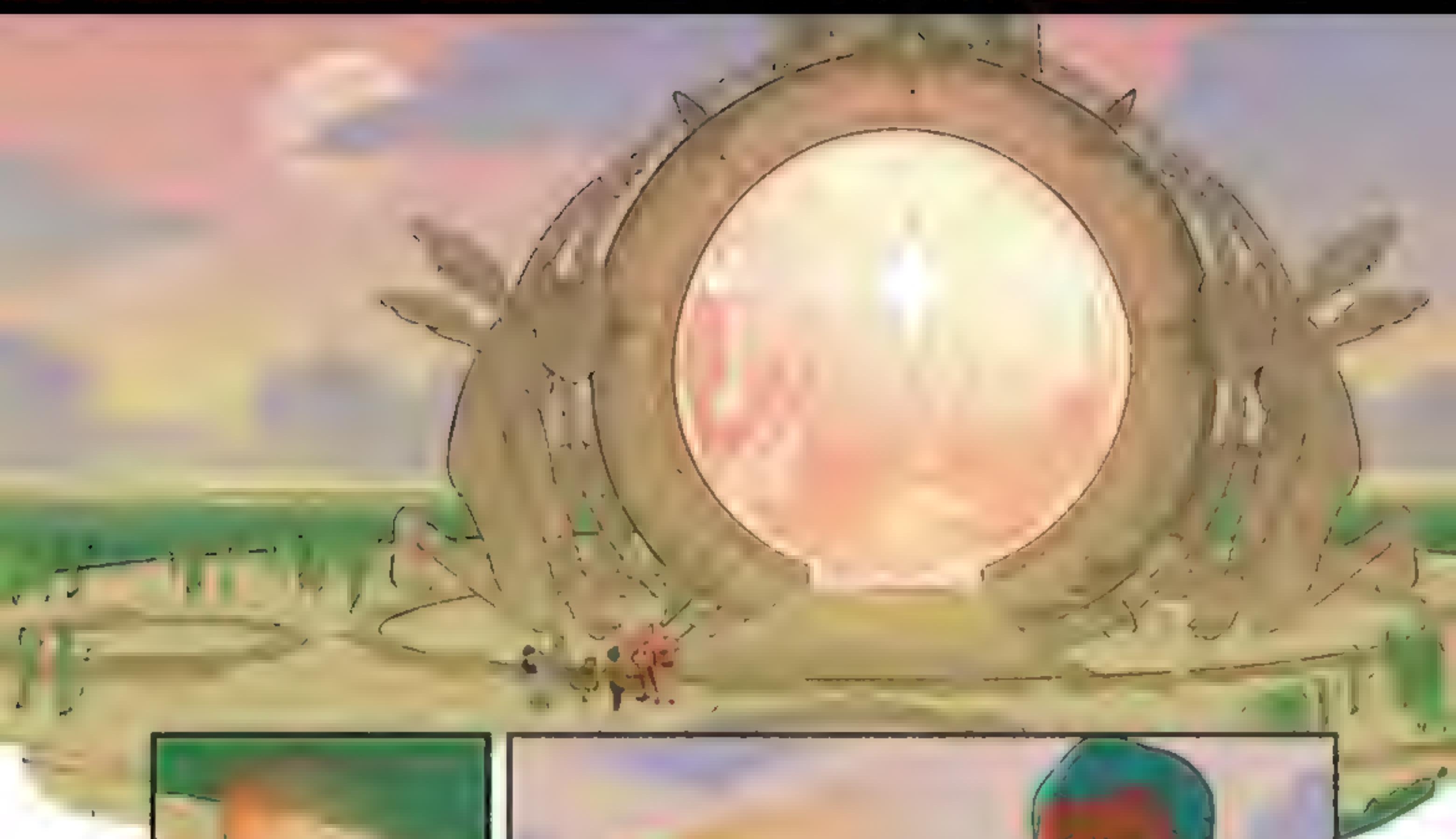
YOU ARE
NOW A
LITTLE
SHADOW.

THERE
WILL ALWAYS BE
LITTLE SHADOWS
FOR US TO
FACE.









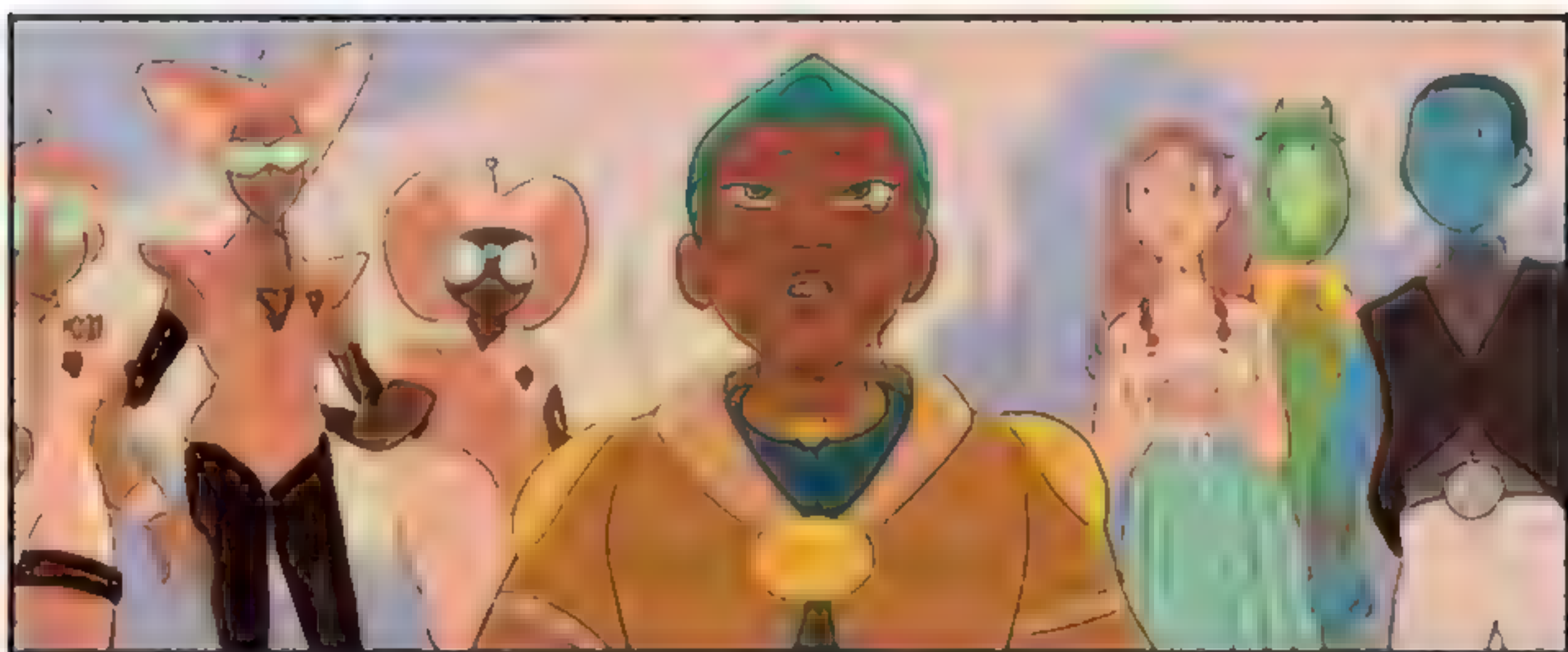
MY TIME
IS UP, MY
FRIENDS.



I MUST
GO
HOME.

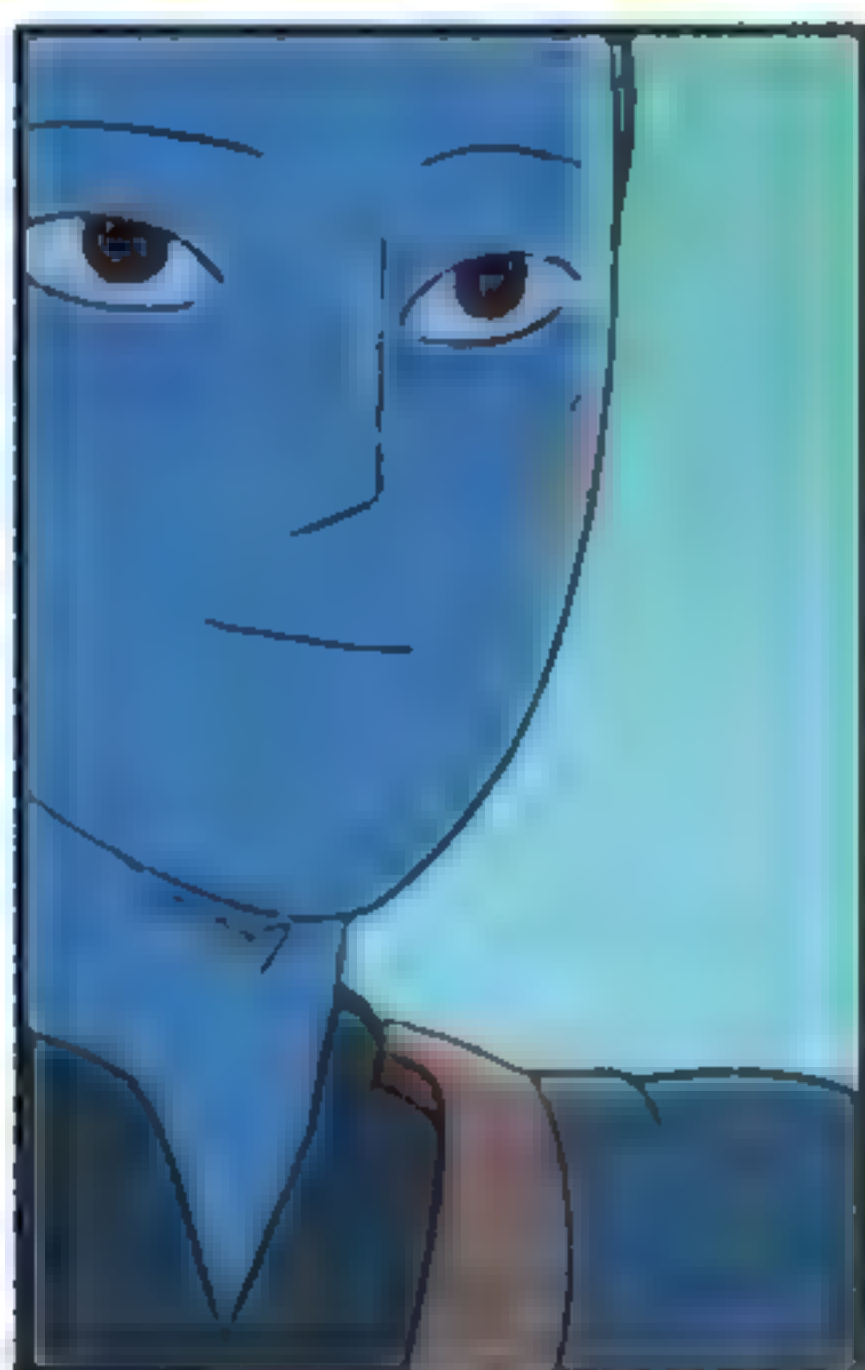
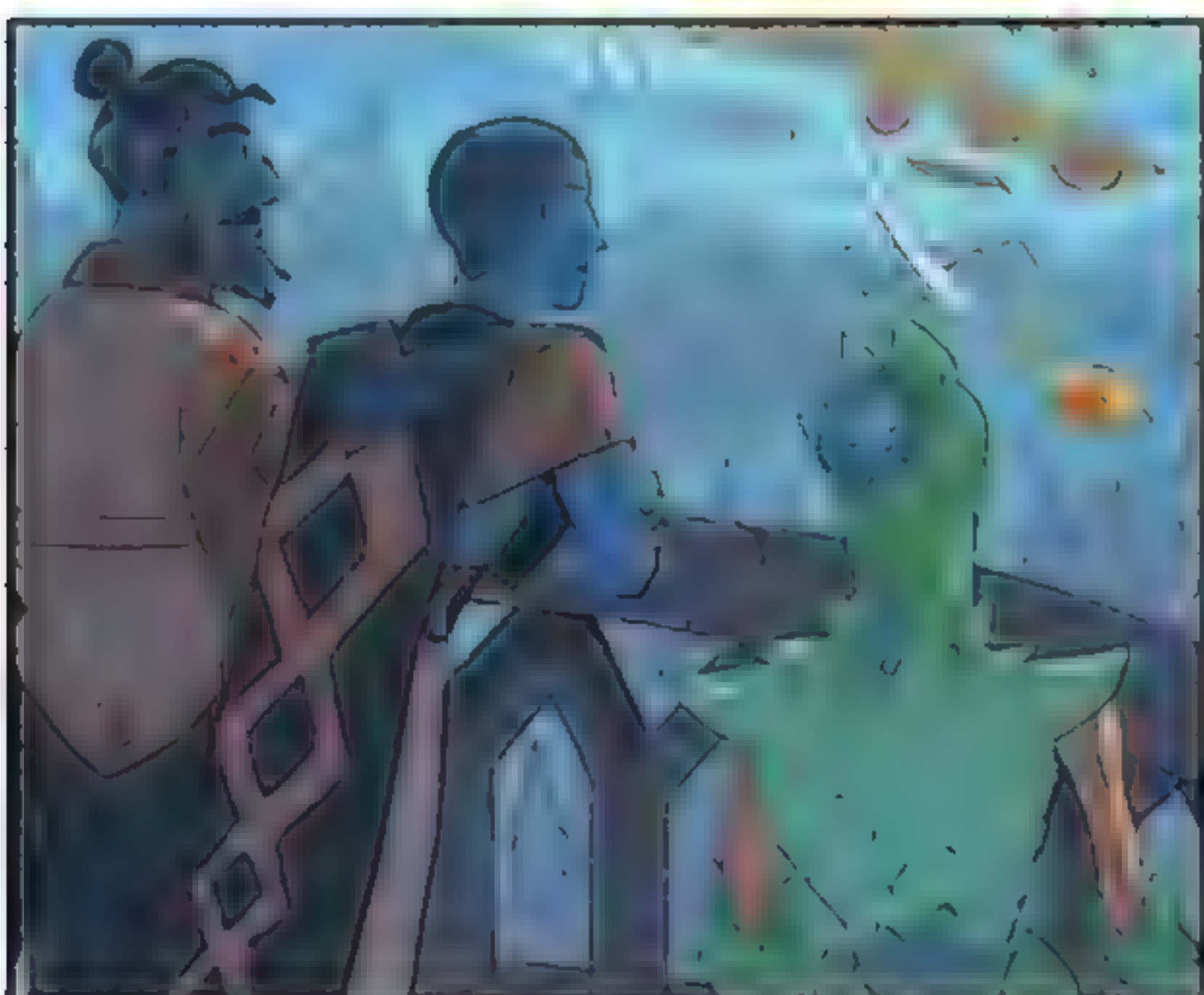
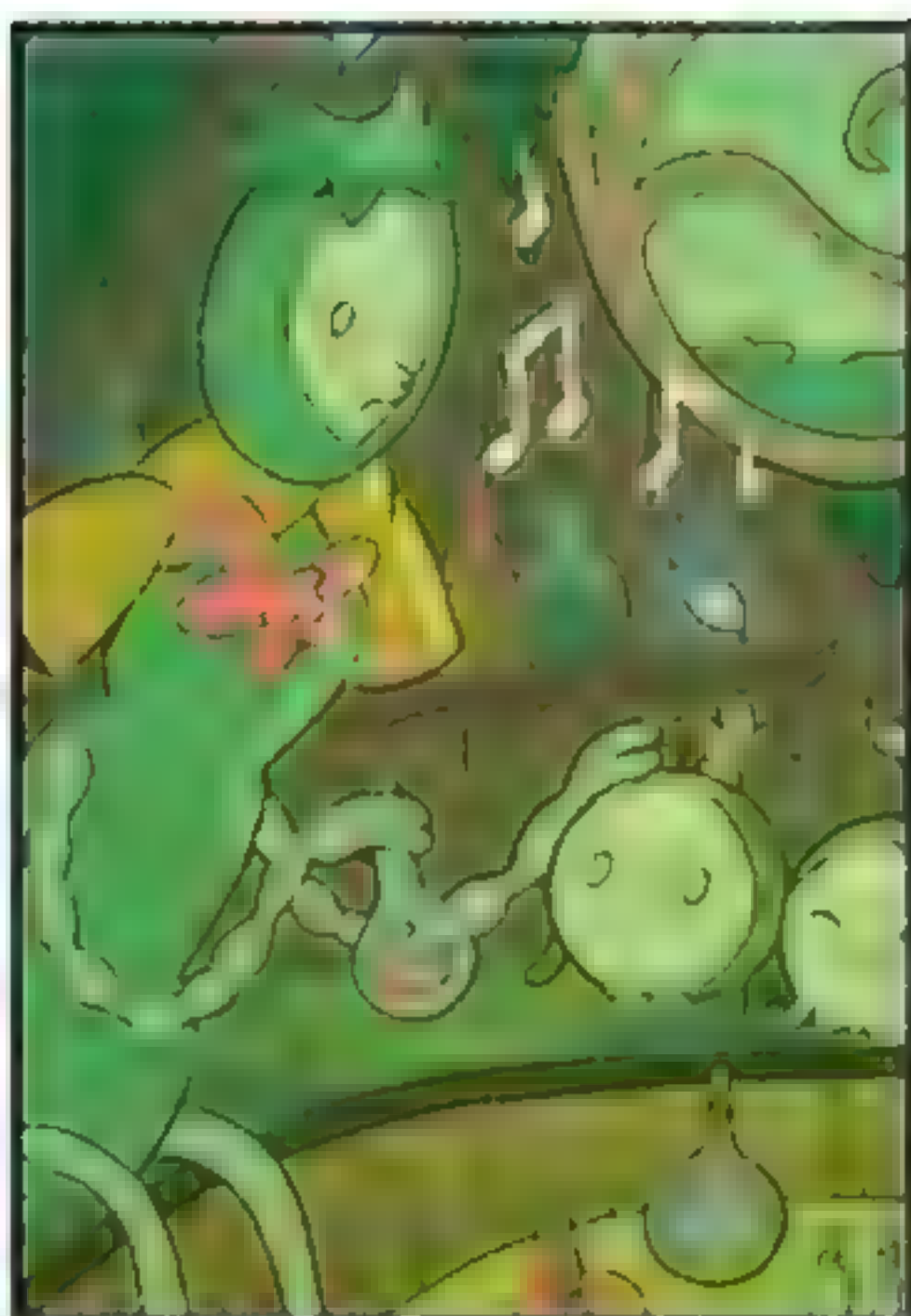


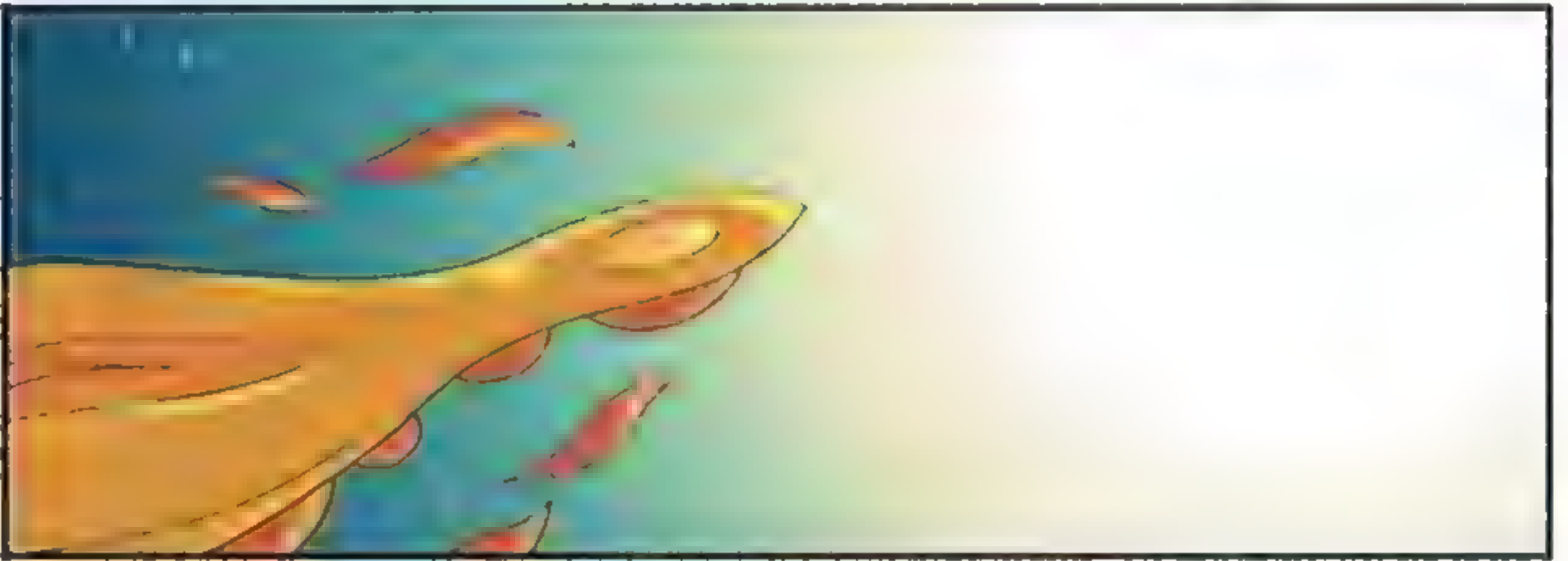
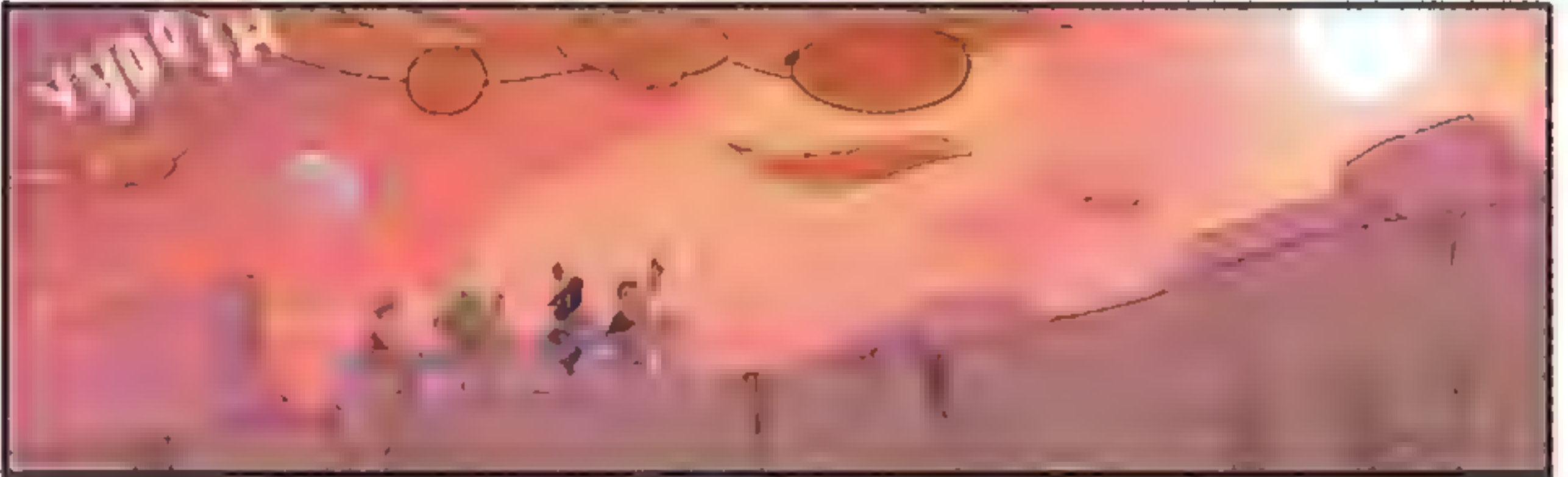
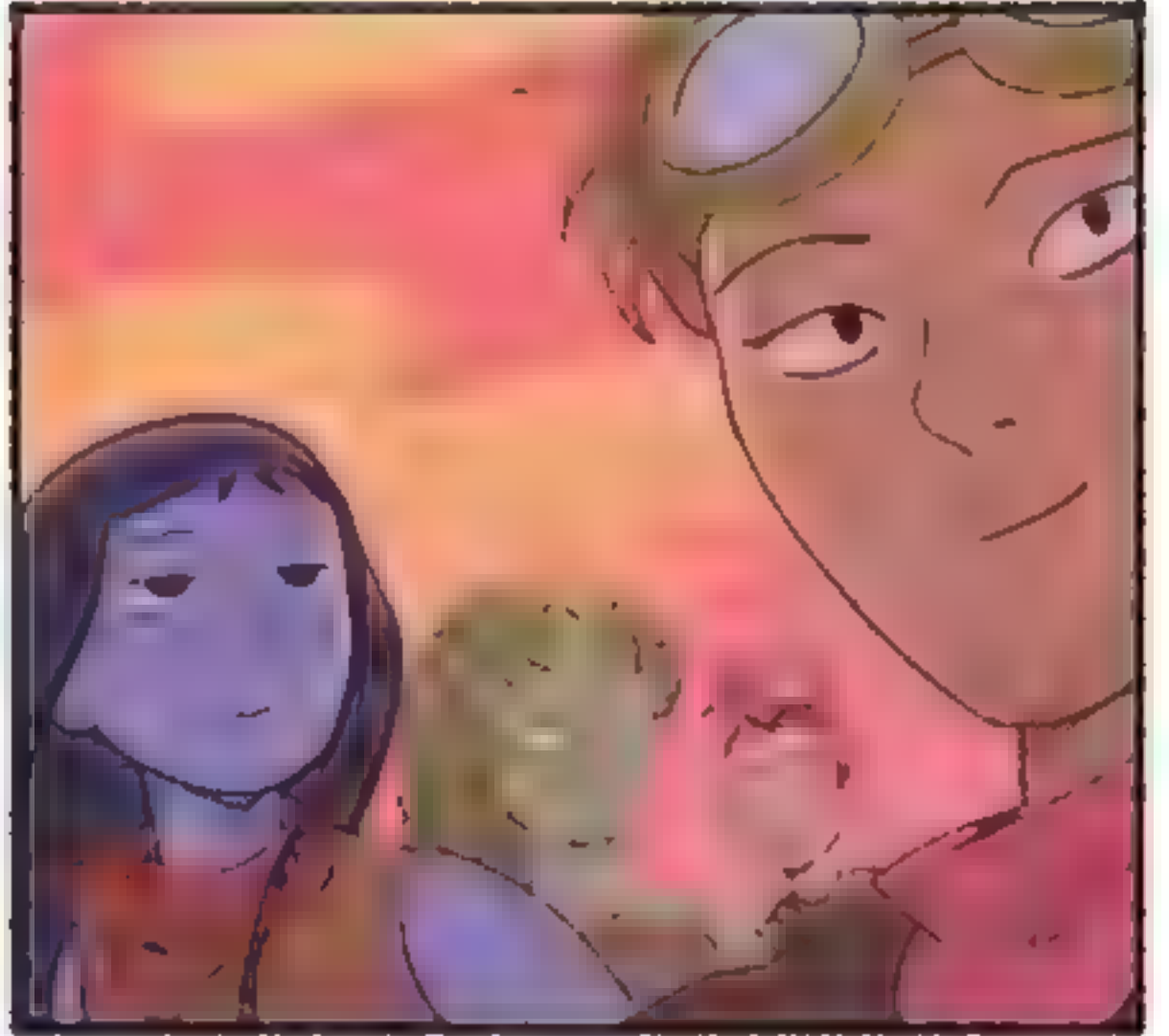
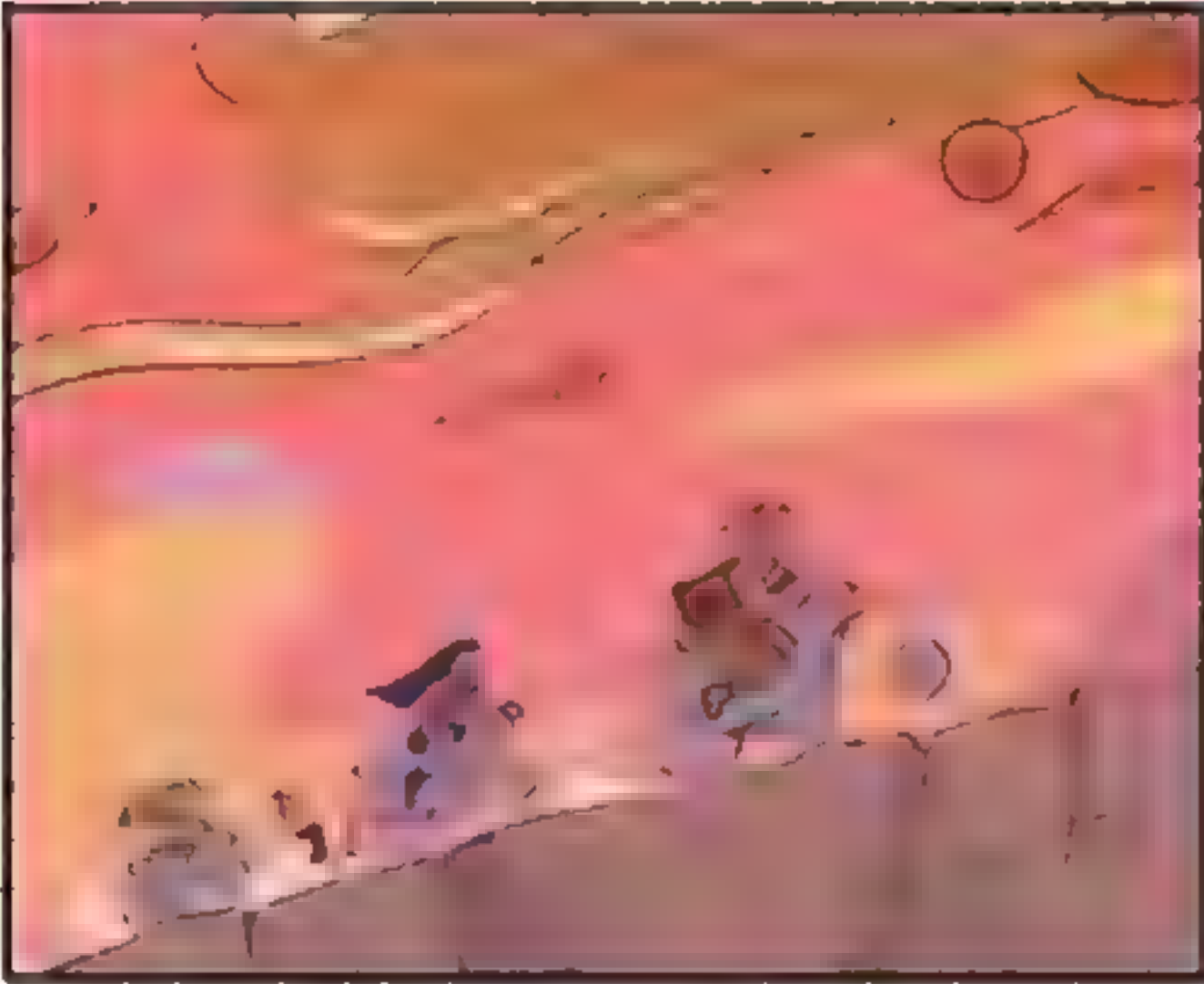
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HAVE A LOT
TO LEARN.

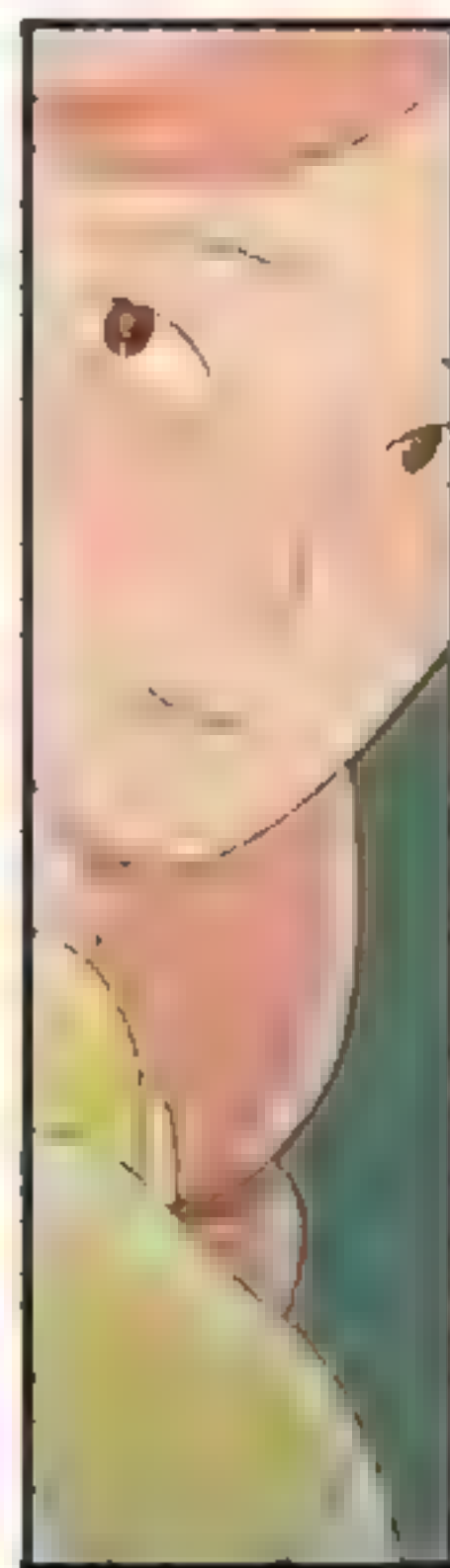
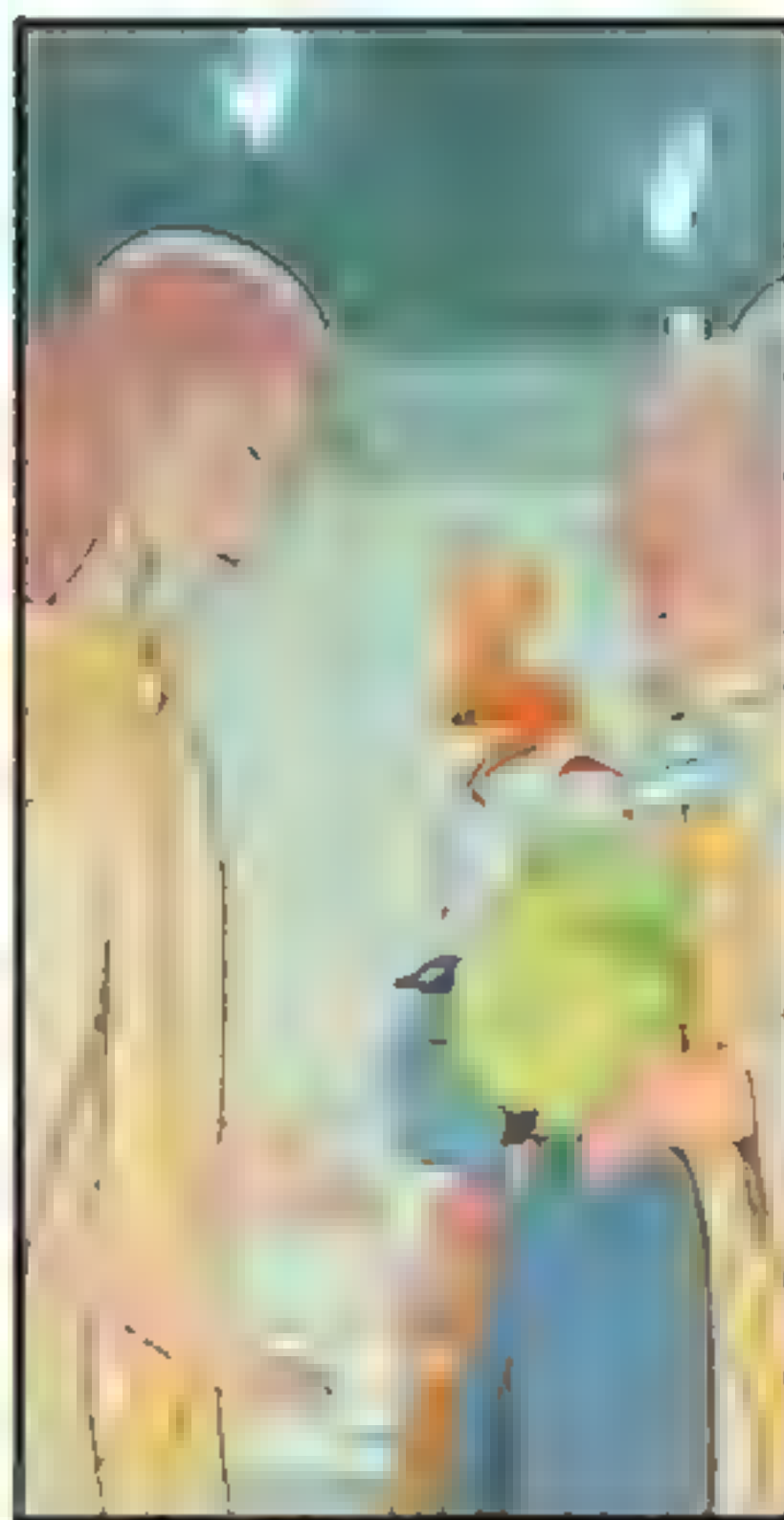
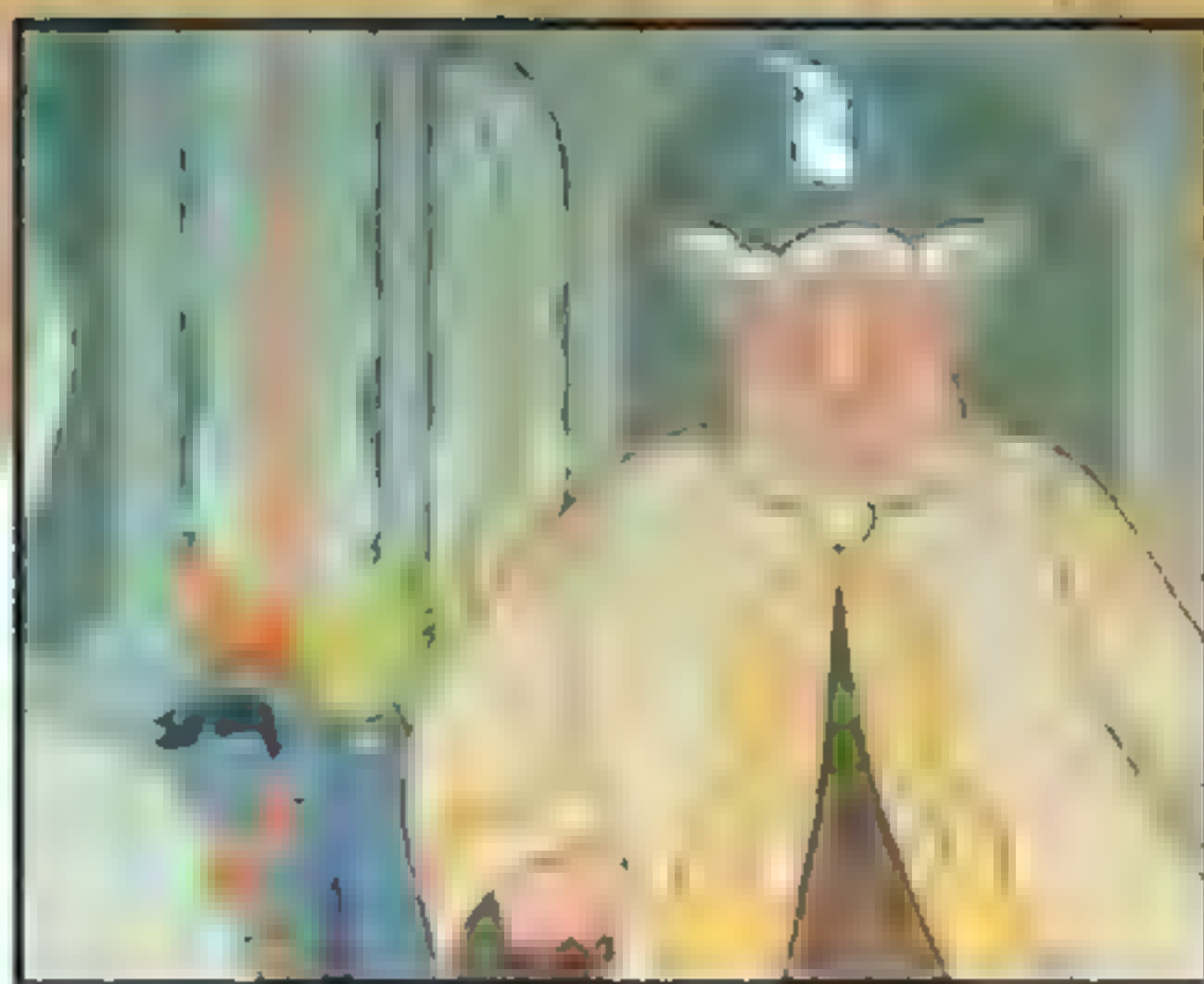


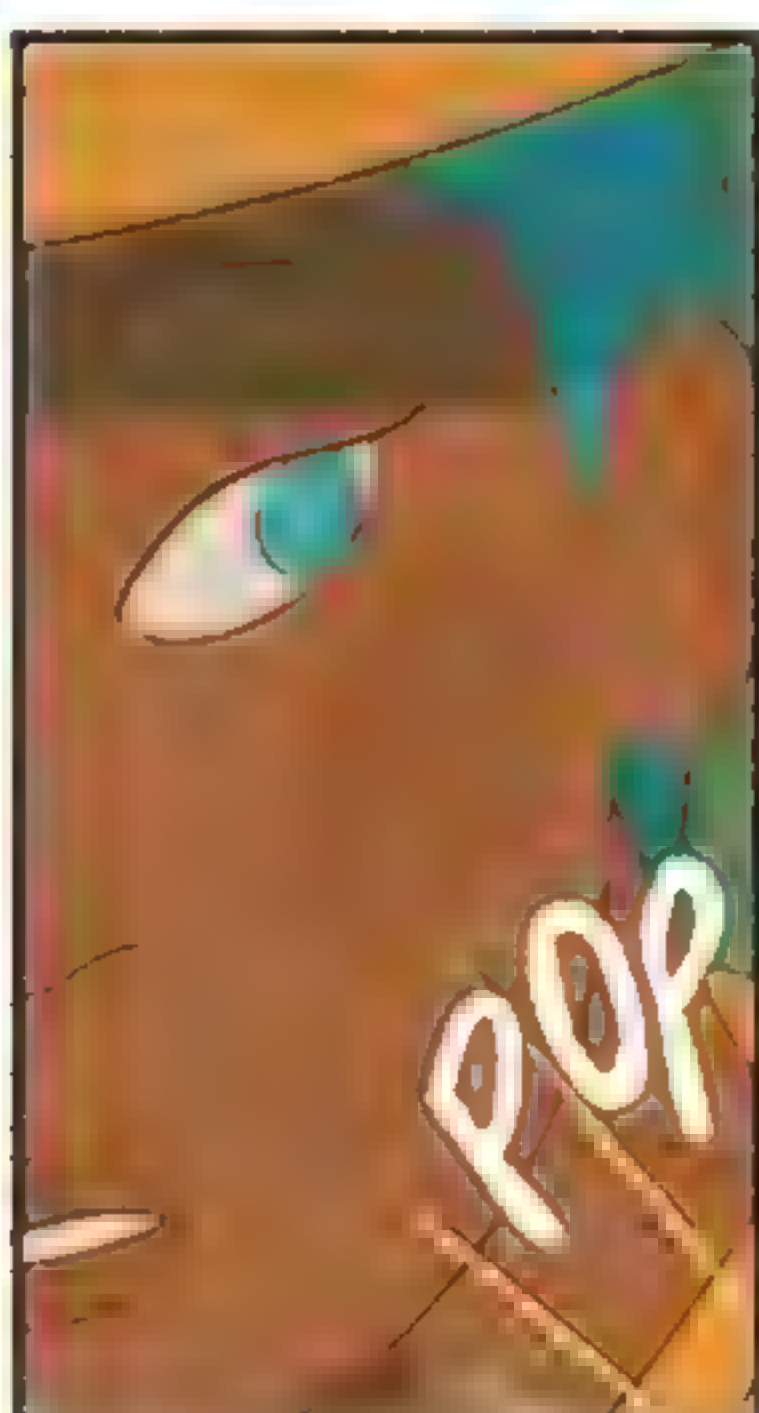
Epilogue
A NEW LIFE













AN TZU!!
I MEAN,
PRINCE NEKO!
I MEAN...

JAX, THERE
YOU ARE!!



WELCOME
BACK TO SAO
SABLO! YOU
REMEMBER
THE SINGING
WEAVERS?

IT'S GREAT
TO SEE
YOU.

HOW ARE
THINGS
IN YOUR
SUN?



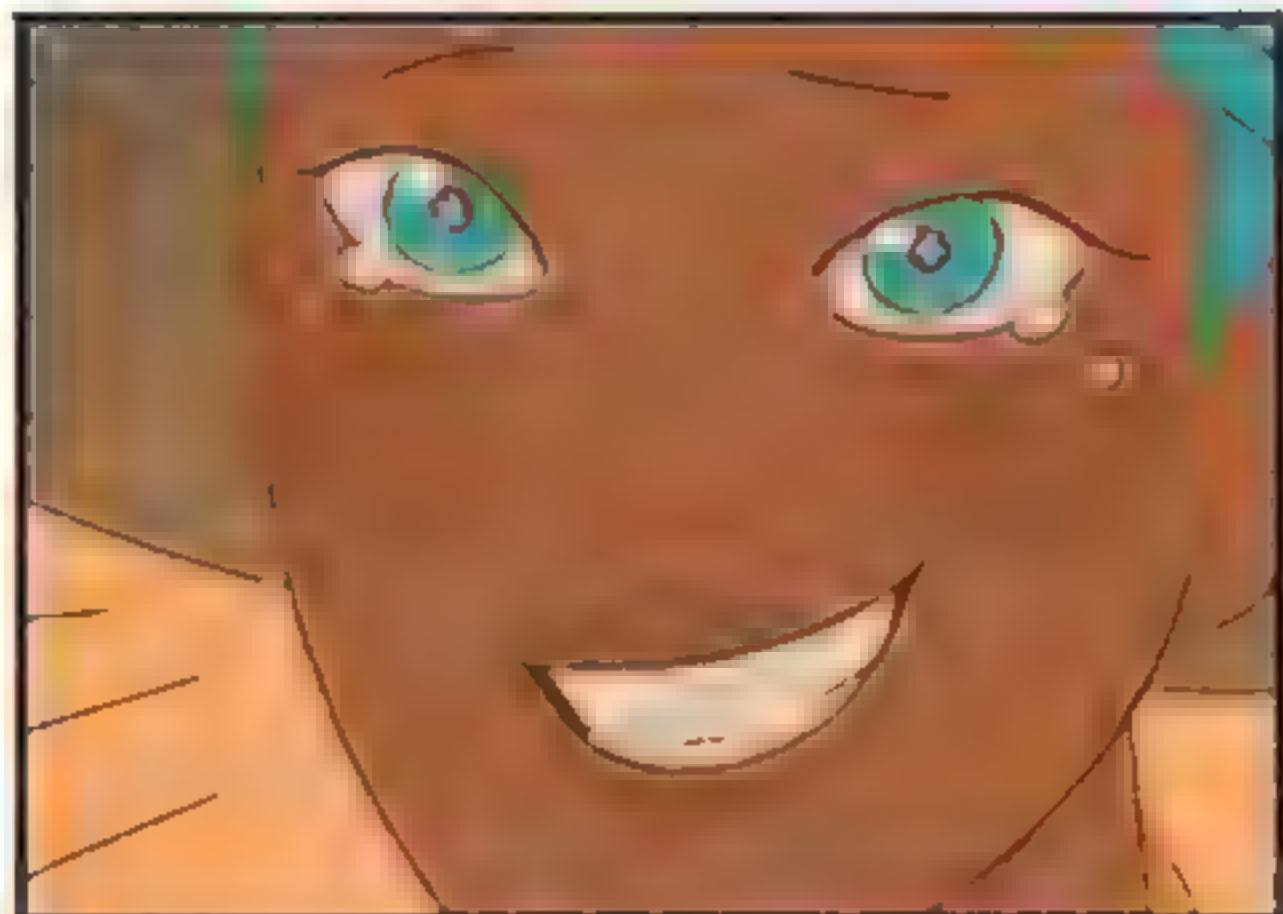
GREAT.
BUT YOU KNOW
WHAT'S MISSING
HERE, JAX?

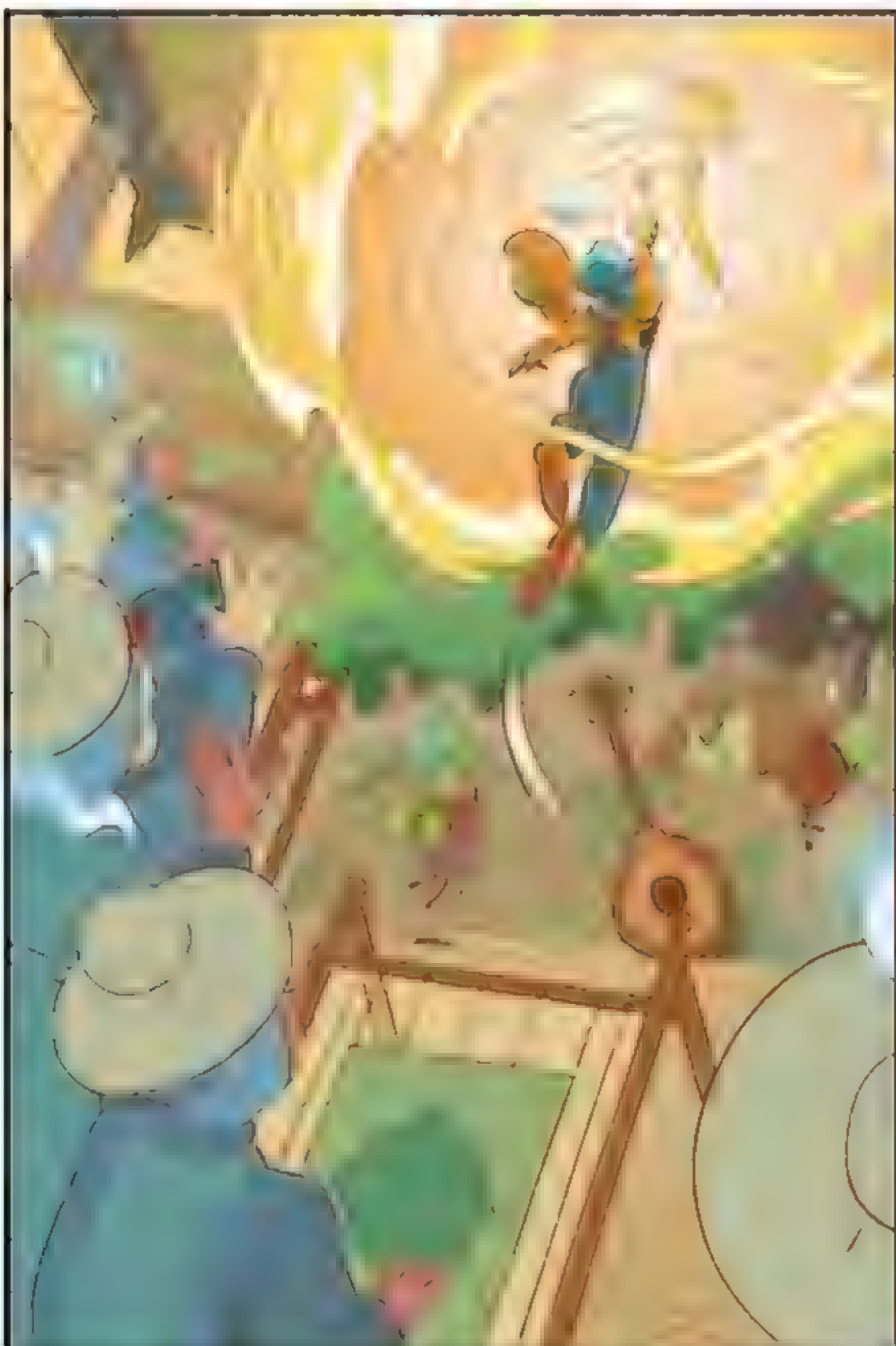


WHAT?



A DECENT
GAME OF
STARBALL!











OONA.



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To Quinn —XB

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See you on the next adventure!

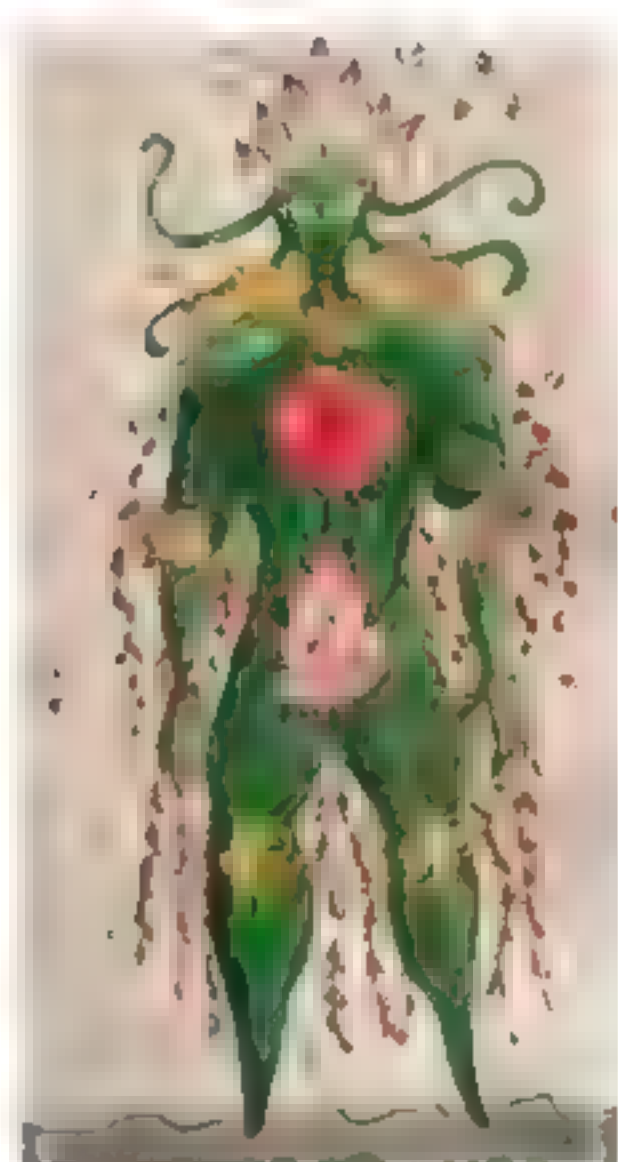
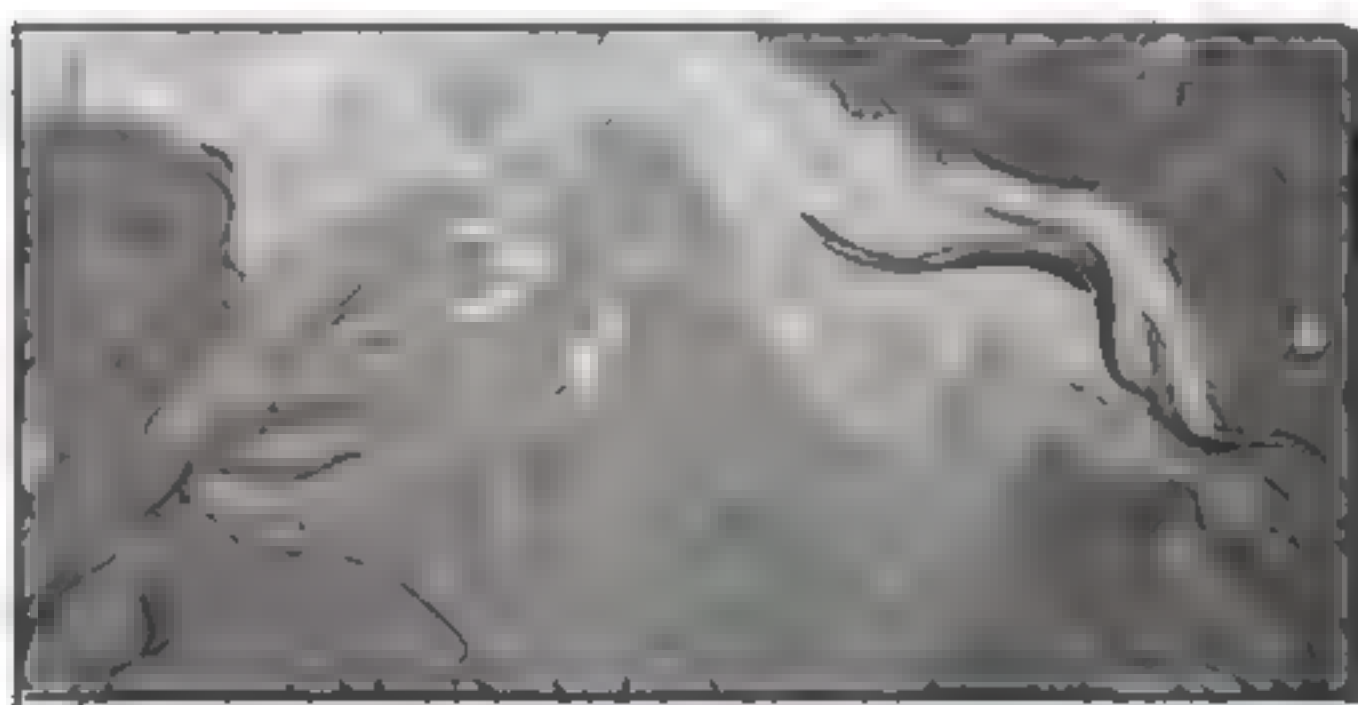
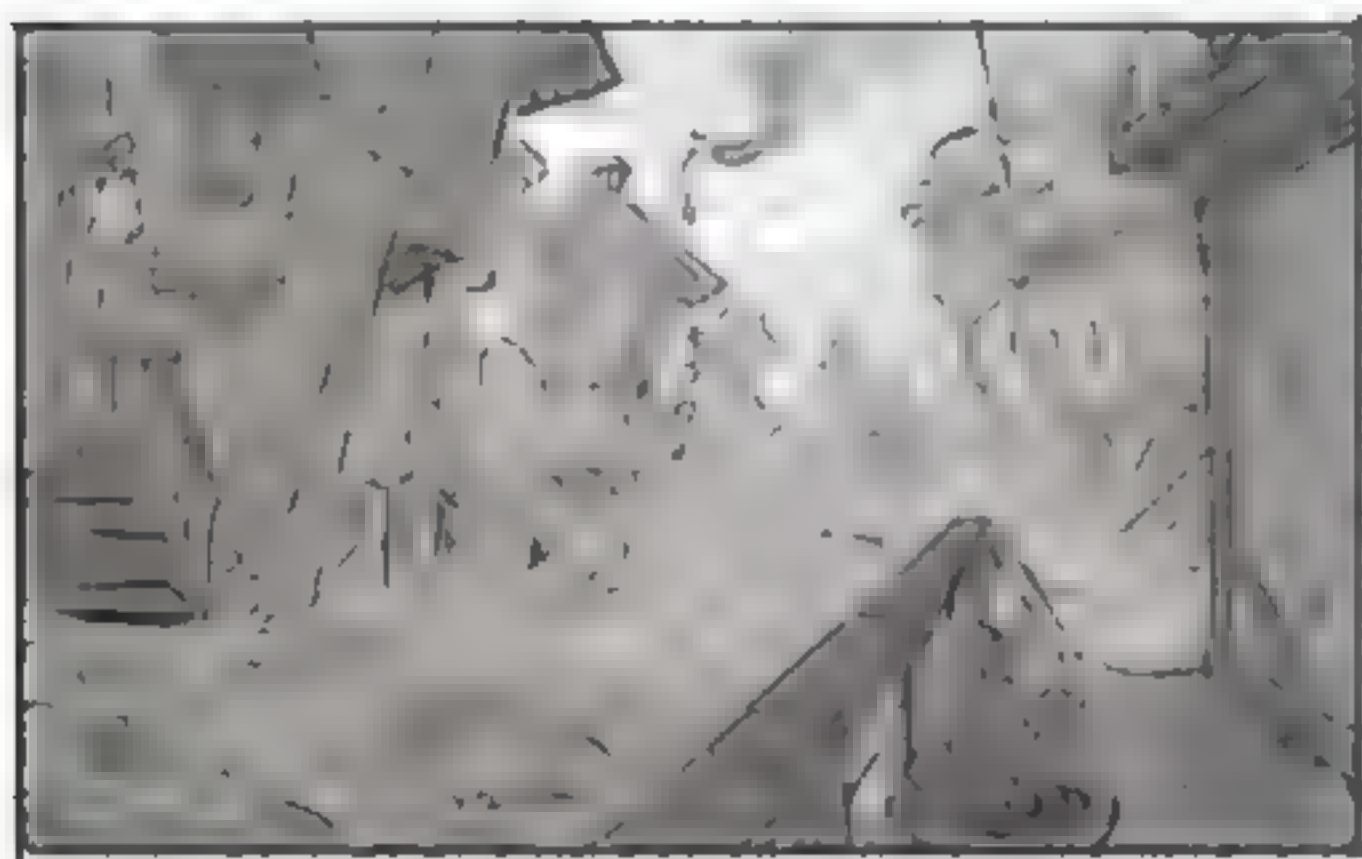
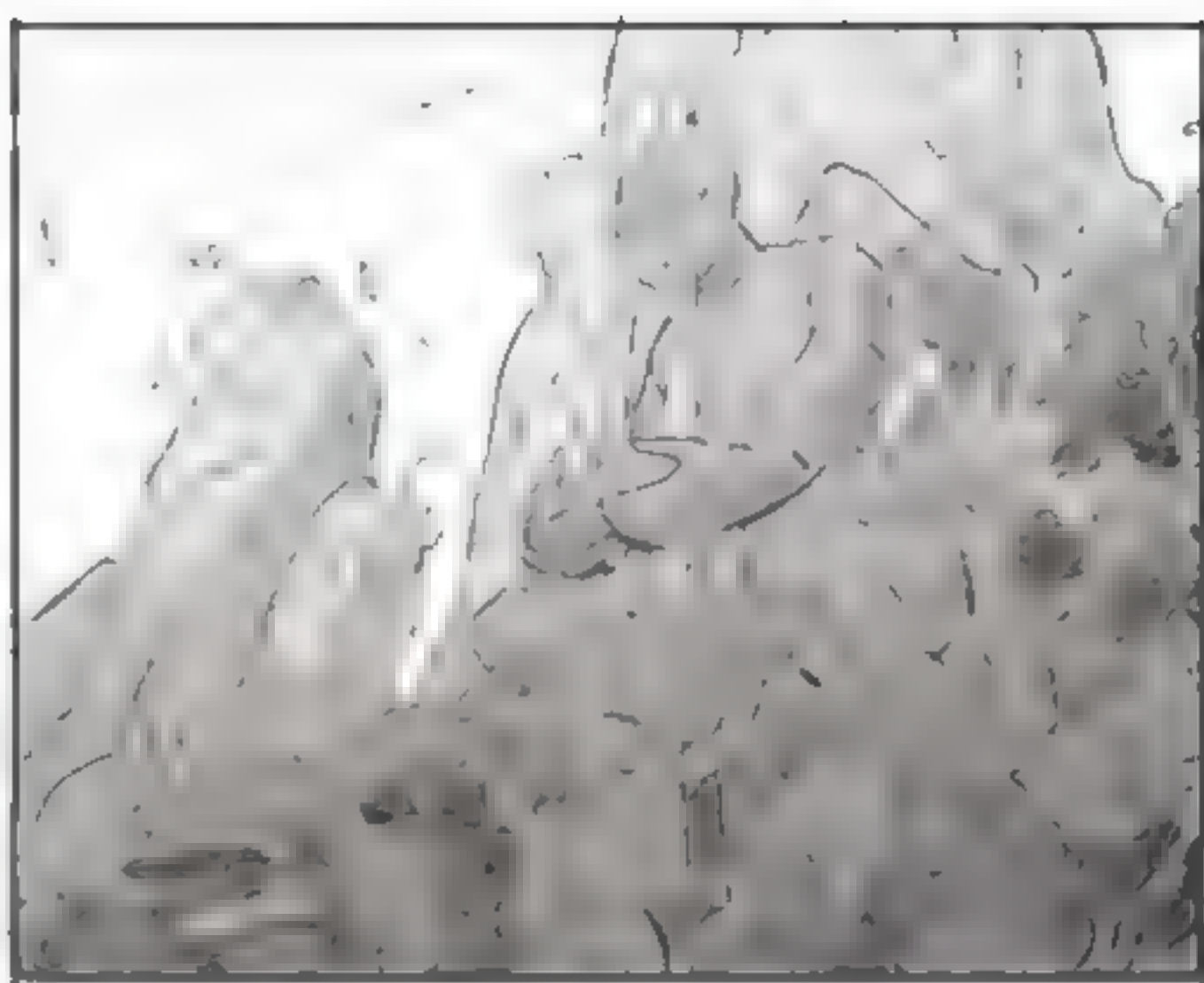
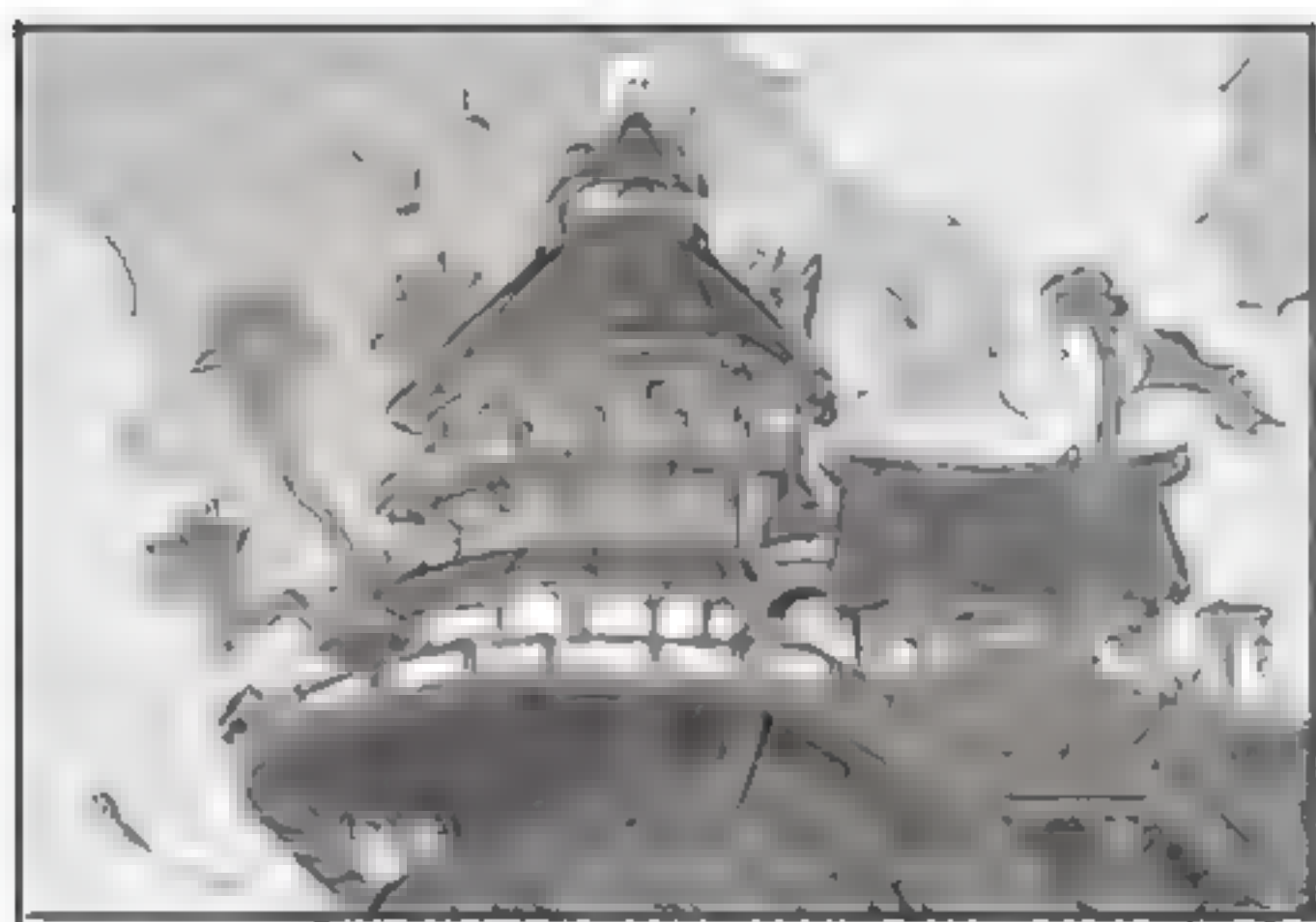
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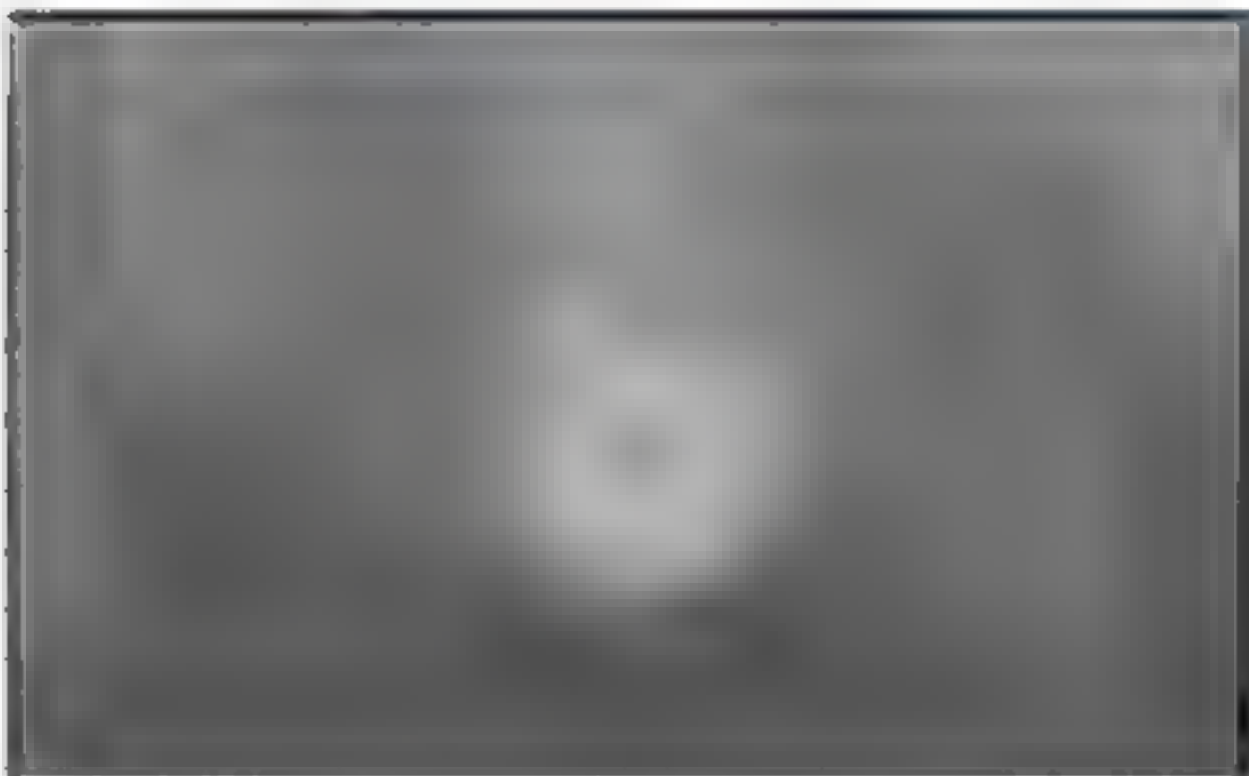
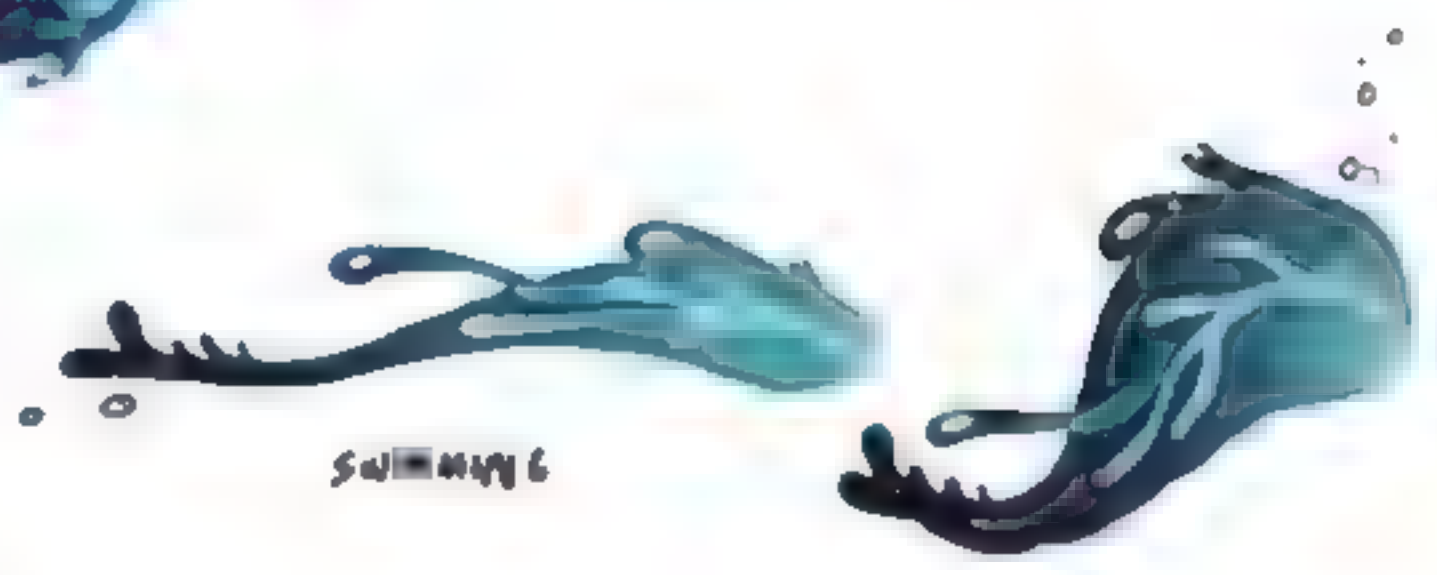
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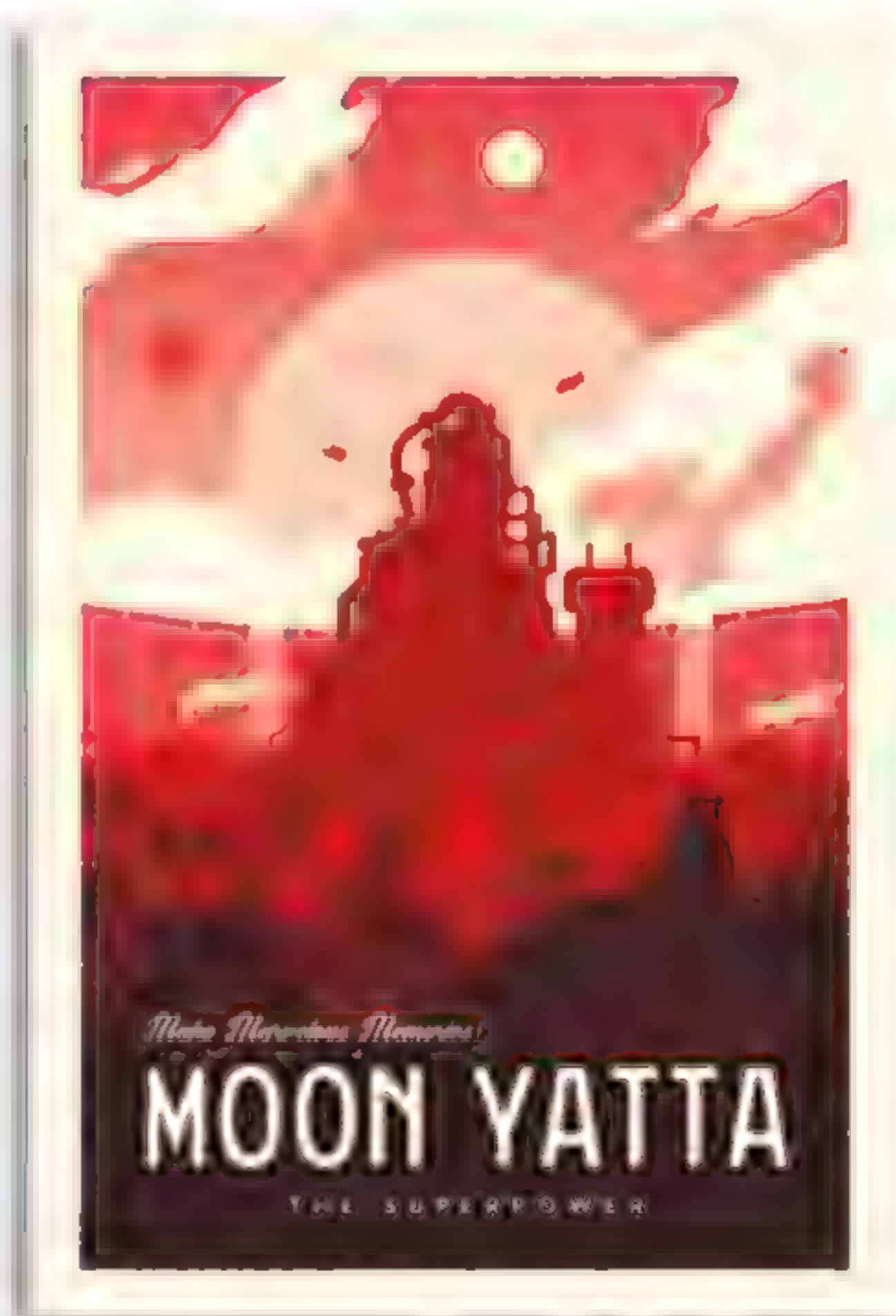
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